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Honor Roll Of Rutland Men, Women In Service

Herald Prints Preliminary List Today

A Roll of Honor of Rutland men and women, who have entered our country's armed services, is to be inscribed upon a huge signboard to be erected in Depot park by the merchants of Rutland.

The Herald today prints the names of 1064 men and women who are in the armed services and whose names will be inscribed upon the Honor Roll.

This list is printed today to give the men and women of Rutland a chance to make sure that their son's or daughter's name is included in the Honor Roll. The Rutland merchants, who drew up the list, believe that there will be a number of names of men and women in the armed services, who through some mishap are left off the list printed today. Thus, they have asked the public of Rutland to co-operate with them in drawing up a perfect list.

If any name is left off this list, if any name is misspelled, if a wrong initial is used, they want those interested to call the Chamber of Commerce, telephone number 810, today and have the mistake corrected.

It has been especially difficult to gather the names of Rutland women, who have en-

tered the services either as nurses, as members of the Army and Navy auxiliaries or in other capacities. The merchants' committee is especially anxious that these women's names be inscribed on the Honor Roll and urges that their friends, parents or other relatives call the Chamber of Commerce and supply the needed information.

In this list published today are names of men, who have given their lives for their country, also names of men who are missing in action. They are not designated as such in today's list, but when the Roll of Honor is drawn up, appropriate symbols will be placed opposite the names of men and women, dead or missing in action.

Carleton Wilson, who is in charge of the work of compiling the Roll of Honor, last night stated that in connection with the project, the merchants will sponsor a contest for a suitable wording to head the board which will be a constant reminder to Rutland people that "These people are serving—are you buying bonds? Are you doing your part?"

To the person, offering the best suggestion for this heading, there will be awarded a \$25 War bond. Suggestions are to be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce.

Rutland lumber concerns, paint stores, carpenters, painters and merchants are sharing in the expense of erecting Rutland's Roll of Honor.

Following is the list, as compiled to date:

A
Peter Abatiello, Peter R. Abatiello, Sherwood D. Abbott, Jack Abraham, Joseph F. Accavallo, Bruno A. Accorsi, George C. Ackley, Howard F. Adams, Kenneth Adams, Kenneth W. Adams, Thomas R. Adams, Norman Adelman, James H. Ainsworth, Clayton Allard, Roscoe D. Allard, Daniel W. Allen, Thomas Allen, Louis Altobelli, Herbert P. Amerman, Walter R. Amidon, Paul Anderson, Bernard F. Anoe, Robert J. Anoe, Robert C. Anthony, Leonard A. Appell, Richard Arrison,

Robert A. Arthur, Harold W. Ashley, Morgan Ashley, Frederick B. Atherton, Howard Austin, Lynden Austin, William Austin, Robert J. Anoe.
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Edward C. Badger, Hadley E. Baird, Robert V. Baird, Carl Dow Baker, Quincy M. Baker, Lenzy J. Baker, Burton M. Ball, Clarence F. Ball, jr., Walter T. Bania, Palmer J. Bashaw, Edwin P. Bassett, George W. Batchelder, Albert Bathalon, Raymond J. Battles, Benjamin H. Barber, Joseph Barewicz, Harry A. Barker, Ralph O. Barnard, Howard Barnes, Nicholas A. Barone, Patsy John Barone, Bert Barrett, John W. Barrett, Neville Barrett, Raymond Barrett, Richard J. Barrett, Richard M. Barron, William Bartlett, James W. Barton, Howard Ralph Barton, Joseph F. Bean, Carl Beasheau, George F. Beasheau, Franklin E. Beattie, Lawrence Beauchamp, Gerhard Beck, Frederick J. Belle, Albert H. Bellerose, John E. Belock, Michael H. Belock, Lawrence P. Benedict, Edward C. Bergstrom, Francis W. Billado, Reginald J. Billado, Stephen E. Billings, Robert James Bird, William H. Black, Clarence J. Blair, Robert J. Blaise, Phillip N. Blanchard, Vernon M. Blanchard, Frank Michael Bliker, Stanley H. Bliker, Edwin G. Blood, Lawrence R. Bolgioni, Robert R. Bolgioni, Thorald A. Bonner, John F. Booth, Donald Mills Bossa, Leonard Bouton, Harmon J. Bove, Perry E. Bove, Peter R. Bove, Victor J. Bove, Edmund L. Boyce, Sydney F. Boyce, Edward C. Boynton, William L. Bradford, Raymond F. Branch, Albert H. Bratu, Robert W. Bratu, Anthony J. Briotti, John R. Brislin, Wilber C. Brooks, Myron Alonzo Brophy, Reginald Brosseau, Carl C. Brown, Charles Brown, Maxwell Brown, jr., Ray Brown, Seward Brown, Adam Walter Bruce, Charles F. Bruce, John R. Bruce, Paul Bruce, Thomas William Brundage, jr., Lancier F. Brunelle, Raymond Brunelle, John G. Bruten, Lloyd Gale Bucklin, Allen E. Bump, Cecil E. Bump, Frank E. Bump, Lawrence M. Bump, Leonard E. Bump, John A. Burditt, James Timothy Burke, Raymond Burke, Richard B. Burns, Robert L. Burke, Harrison L. Burney, jr., Roger W. Burney, Cecil H. Burns, Robert O. Bursley, Gordon F. Bussino, Lyle H. Buswell, Erwin A. Butterfield, Gerald Wayne Butterfield, Goff Waite Buxton, Alfred J. Baldwin, Edward R. Bove.

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Mario J. Caggige, Francis A. Canning, Genevieve T. Cannon, George Cannon, Martin Cannon, William C. Cannon, jr., Joseph Patrick Canty, Joseph S. Carbine, Maurice R. Carboneau, Roy Albert Carlson, John F. Carroll, Randolph F. Carroll, Raymond J. Carroll, jr., Charles P. Carter, Bernard G. Cassidy, Lawrence J. Cassidy, Thomas P. Cassidy, Robert C. Cassin, Charles Castle, Raymond E. Catozzi, William A. Catozzi, Francis C. Center, Thomas L. Chaffee, George Ed. Chalmers, Robert T. Chalmers, Charles M. Chamberlain, William P. Chapin, Norbert J. Chapleau, Jules M. Chicoine, Richard Chioffi, Dominic J. Christie, Frederick A. Christmas, Peter J. Ciccone, Alvino M. Cioffi, Arnold Cioffi, Michael A. Cioffi, Ralph H. Cioffi, Ralph S. Cioffi, Robert P. Cioffi, William Cizmada, Charles J. Clarino, Harold Clark, Ronald W. Clark, Leroy Clements, Everett P. Clifton, Theodore Hendric Clodgo, Carroll F. Coburn, Dominic Coladonato, Raymond E. Collins, James J. M. Colomb, George J. Coltey, Gerald F. Coltey, Glenn G. Coltey, Clois R. Conant, Jeremiah F. Connors, Charles J. Considine, Martin T. Considine, William F. Considine, Harry Contompasis, Arthur P. Conway, James A. Conway, William Conway, Merald Warren Cooke, Kermit H. Coolidge, George F. Cootey, Thomas A. Cootey, Charles P. Corodimas, George Corsones, Peter Corsones, Bernard J. Costa, Bartley J. Costello, John J. Costello, William Costello, Kenneth E. Cota, Rudolph T. Cota, Wilford L. Cota, Guy G. Cowen, Tom Strong Cowen, Arthur C. Cox, Bernard Courcelle, Francis J. Courcelle, Frederick M. Courcelle, Lawrence Joseph Courcelle, Robert J. Courcelle, Roger E. Courcelle, Gernold Crawford, Edward M. Creed, John S. Creed, Joseph Creed, Richard L. Creed, Joseph Crowley, Bernard S. Culver, Lawrence W. Culver, Chester E. Cutting, Frederick Cyr, Richard M. Cyr, John Czachor, Henry J. Czachor, Peter S. Czachor, Edw. F. Clarino, Carl T. Carlson, Seth E. Chapin.

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Col. Ackley Back Home

Returns to Private Life After 30 Years' Service in Army and Guard.

Back in private life after nearly 30 years of service in the Army and Vermont National Guard is Lieut. Col. George C. Ackley of 65 Edgerton street, who was relieved from active duty for physical disability.

Lieut. Col. Ackley enlisted in the Army on March 10, 1914, and entered federal service during the Mexican border trouble. He served on the border from June 18, to October 11, 1916. Then he served with the Army in World war I from April 2, 1917 to April 29, 1919, and entered federal service in the present World war on December 12, 1940.



Lieut. Col. George C. Ackley.

The Rutland man rose from the ranks to lieutenant colonel. He became a corporal in 1915, a sergeant in 1916 and was commissioned second lieutenant in the National Guard, February 17, 1920. Two years later, June 7, 1922, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He was promoted to major, December 28, 1929 and to lieutenant colonel August 28, 1940.

He has been granted numerous awards, including corps and divisional citations for superior action of the First Battalion, 172d Infantry in the 1941 Louisiana maneuvers.

He won the distinguished marksman's medal in the national matches at Camp Perry, O., in 1924 and tied for fifth place in the U. S. Army individual match and second place in the U. S. Marine corps match, both held in 1924.

His Mexican border service was at Eagle Pass and Del Rio, Tex. In World war I he was platoon commander of Company 2, 101st Machine Gun battalion of the 26th division. He was overseas 18 months and was credited with eight major engagements, Chemin des Dames, north of Soissons, Toul sector, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Troyon and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

In the present war, Lieut. Col. Ackley reported at Fort Benning, Ga., in December, 1940, and upon completion of a four months' course joined the 1st Battalion, 172d Infantry, 43d division at Camp Blanding. This battalion was comprised mostly of Vermont troops. He commanded the battalion until he was transferred to Fourth Army corps headquarters on the special staff on October 13, 1941.

Shortly after his transfer he was appointed provost marshal and headquarters commandant of the Fourth Army corps. The corps troops were located in the southeastern states, mostly in Florida and Georgia. The Fourth corps headquarters were later transferred to Louisiana and the corps troops were located in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. After 13 months headquarters were transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash., with troops located in Washington and Oregon.

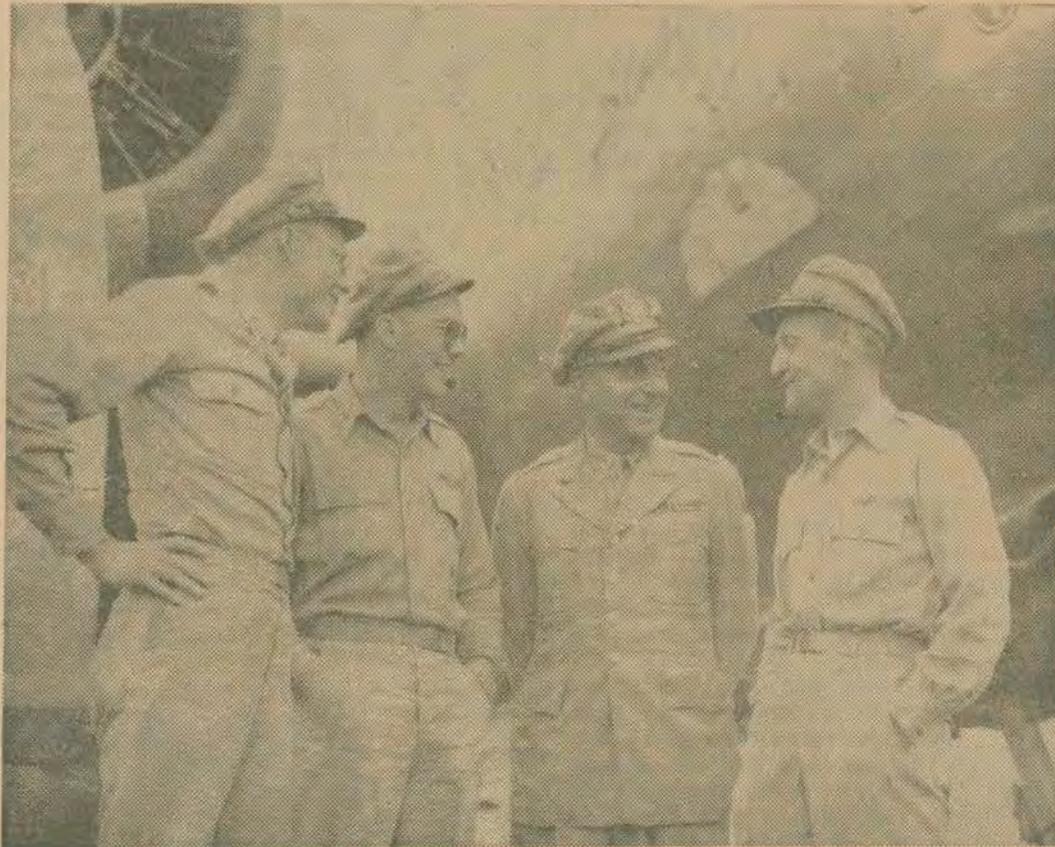
In November 1943, the corps headquarters was transferred to the Colorado desert in California with southern California and western Arizona as the area of responsibility.

The permanent corps commanders were Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, now in the South Pacific and Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, who recently relieved Gen. Patton as commander of the Seventh army. Among the temporary commanders have been Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, now with Gen. Eisenhower, Maj. Gens. Muir, Jones, Barker and Cook, all of whom rated Col. Ackley "superior" in his work.

Col. Ackley's principal duties as provost marshal included the responsibility of training and inspection of all the military police in the corps, varying from 600 to more than 2000 men. The control of military traffic within the corps area, collaboration with the state and municipal police and the FBI, the policing of cities and towns and the preparation of police and traffic policies for the commanding general, guarding of prisoners of war and Army prisoners were among his many duties.

As headquarters commandant his duties included the housing and messing of the corps headquarters and general staff and special troops assigned to the headquarters, the selection and installation of the corps command posts, protection of these posts against all types of attack, air, ground and mechanized, the internal administration and arrangements for moving corps headquarters and many other details.

Prior to his return to active duty in the Army, Lieut. Col. Ackley was duty sheriff for 10 years.



Herald Photo.

Col. Julian Allen, of Wallingford, special assistant to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general of the United States Army Strategic Air forces, is shown above with members of the crew which flew him to Rutland Airport from Washington yesterday, on his return home from the Japanese surrender ceremonies at Yokohama. Shown, left to right, are: Capt. Terry Key, Maj. W. R. Smith, pilot, Col. Allen, and Lt. Col. Robert E. Kimmel, co-pilot. In the background is the C-B-17, "The Starduster," private plane of Gen. Ira E. Eaker, in which the party flew here.

Col. Allen of Wallingford Home By Plane After Attending Jap Surrender Rites in Tokio Bay

BY HELEN M'LAUGHLIN.

A big silver transport, "The Starduster," a four-motored C-B-17, private plane of Gen. Ira E. Eaker, deputy commander of the United States Army Air forces, roared into Rutland airport yesterday from Washington, carrying Col. Julian Allen of Wallingford home after attending the Jap surrender ceremonies in Tokio bay only eight days before.

Col. Allen, 45, who has been special assistant to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general of the U. S. Army Strategic Air force in Europe and more recently in the Pacific, believes that the Japanese will never have the means to start another war in the modern sense—if they are watched.

"I think they are completely beaten, completely subjugated by their emperor—in other words by MacArthur — although here and there might be a few die-hards," he declared.

"Japan is a fifth rate nation and not equipped for modern warfare at all," Col. Allen said. "We have completely destroyed their industry and all of their oil, which is the only thing that military forces can work on," he continued. "But at the same time if we had been obliged to invade, we would easily have lost a half million Americans, because the Japs are fanatic fighters, excellent individual fighters and would continue to fight as long as they were told to do so. They will remain peaceful as long as they are told to do so by the emperor. The militarists who would incite war must be closely observed, how-

Kimmel, co-pilot, Capt. Terry Key, and M/Sgt. Marvin Abinger, engineer.

M/Sgt. Abinger remained as guard of the plane at the airport, and Mrs. Allen brought him a basket lunch from her home.

Col. Allen is proud of the part that the air forces played in the victory over Japan. He believes that a strategic air force based on the islands of Japan, and a tactical air force based in Japan, would serve for the occupation forces and policing—in co-operation with the Army and Navy.

The air corps colonel describes the surrender on board the battleship Missouri in Tokio bay as very impressive. He referred to the speech of Gen. MacArthur: "Peace is now restored to the world. May God preserve it always," as excellent.

The Japs were very suppressed, very respectful, completely beaten, during the ceremony, Col. Allen said. He remembers especially Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese foreign minister, who wore a long black frock coat and a top hat.

After the ceremony, with Gen. Spaatz's party, he flew to Guam, where their headquarters were located, and from there flew back to Washington.

Col. Allen is a native of Pelham Manor, N. Y., and was educated at St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H. He went to England with the American Ambulance Field service at the age of 15, early in World War I and misrepresenting his age, enlisted and fought with the Coldstream Guards. He was in the banking business in Paris when he entered service with the U. S. Army Air force in World War II. He has been with Gen. Spaatz for three and a half years. He is now at home on terminal leave.

Col. Allen was met at the Rutland Airport by his wife and children, Mary Elizabeth, 8, and Frederick, 5, and with the officers who accompanied him went to the Allen home on Sugar Hill in Wallingford for lunch. Mrs. Allen was given the glad news that her husband had visited with her older son, William Harding Pell, a private in the Marine corps, serving in the Pacific, before he left for home.

Col. Allen's family came to Vermont at the beginning of the war to make their home because they were attracted to the state during visits here with his cousin, Alexandre Orłowski, former Polish nobleman, now an American citizen, who has a farm in Holden. Count Orłowski's mother was an American.

The bomber-type "Starduster" which carried the colonel to Rutland took off with ease from the airport, before the eyes of scores of interested spectators, less than two hours after it landed here. The big plane which saw service with the Eighth Air force in the Mediterranean, and in England, has literally been all over the world, having made many trips to the Pacific and other points. Ordinarily it carries a crew of five, a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, engineer and radio operator.

Accompanying Col. Allen here yesterday were Maj. William R. Smith, pilot; Lt. Col. Robert E.



LIEUT. COL. ASHLEY.

Rev. Ashley Leaves Parish

Was Rector of Trinity Church
for 23 Years, Now on Duty
at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Lieut. Col. Morgan Ashley, for 23 years rector of Trinity Episcopal church here, who has been here on a short leave, announced his resignation from the parish before returning to duty with the United States Army as chaplain of the reception center at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Lieut. Col. Ashley's advancement in the 43d division was rapid after he left Rutland with the Vermont National Guard. At Camp Blanding, where he became chaplain of that division, he was later promoted to cover the chaplain's duties at the reception center.

He made his resignation announcement to a large gathering of parishioners, many of whom were christened, confirmed and married by the rector.

Lieut. Col. Ashley's resignation of the rectorship becomes effective November 1, the 23d anniversary of his assumption of his duties in Rutland.

There was a normal healthy growth of the parish during his 23 years here, during which a new pipe organ, said to be the largest in the state, was installed and paid for, the parish house and rectory entirely renovated and refurnished and various other improvements made in the church property.

Col. Ashley did not confine his friendships to members of Trinity parish and will be missed not only by his own church but by the many who have been cheered by his never failing consideration and courtesy.

Since the women's prison was moved here from Windsor about 20 years ago, Col. Ashley has served by appointment of the governor of Vermont as chaplain of Riverside Reformatory and has given much time to these duties.

Mrs. Ashley's plans for the immediate future have not been determined.

The Rev. Ashley was born in Orange, N. J., in 1881, the son of Edward William and Jessie Antoinette Morgan Ashley. He attended the Dearborn Morgan school in Orange and graduated to Princeton university where he received a B.S. degree in 1903 and also took post-graduate work. After Princeton he studied at New York's General Theological seminary.

St. Paul's church in Butler, N. J., was his first parish and from there he was called to St. Stephen's in Netherwood, N. J. All Angels' church in New York city saw him as an assistant and then he was pastor at Christ church in Bordentown, N. J., where he stayed for seven years.

On November 1, 1919, the Rev. Ashley came to Rutland to begin his present post and take his part in community life. He was instrumental in the purchasing of a new \$18,000 organ for his church in 1925 and he started the Girls' Friendly society.

The Rev. Ashley was president of the standing committee of the diocese of Vermont. He has been appointed as a deputy five times to the triennial general conventions. He served as chaplain of Rutland fire department. He has been a member of the board of religious education for the diocese and has been director of the Young People's conference at Rock Point for seven years and a trustee of the Rutland Free Library.



Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Abatiell of Strongs avenue are in three different services—Patrick, at left, in the Navy; Peter, center, in the Army; and Joseph, at right, in the Marines. Patrick, a seaman first class, is with the amphibious division of the Atlantic fleet. Mrs. Peter Abatiell has just received word of her husband's promotion, at his Army station at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., to the rank of staff sergeant; while Sgt. Joseph Abatiell, who was for 20 months a machinegun and bayonet instructor at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, has been transferred to a Marine fighting outfit now on duty in the Pacific area.

Donald M. Aldrich, USN, Killed in Action in Pacific

**Mr. and Mrs. Guy Aldrich,
Formerly of Rutland, No-
tified of Son's Death.**

Word that Donald Morris Aldrich, 21, of the United States Navy, a former Rutland boy, has lost his life in the service of his country was brought to relatives and friends here over the week-end by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Aldrich of Sutton, Que.

The young seaman, who was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Aldrich of Wallingford, was killed in action "somewhere in the South Pacific," according to a telegram received from the U. S. Navy department and forwarded to his parents through the Canadian Navy department in Ottawa. The message stated that further details would be forwarded when available.

Miss Audrey Aldrich, 20, Donald's only sister, has enlisted in the WAVES and will begin training in that branch of the service in Wisconsin in February.

Donald was born in Rutland, when the family resided on Plain street. Later they made their home for a number of years on Morse place. Guy L. Aldrich, father of the young sailor and a veteran of World war I, is general manager of the Mansonville, Que., Utilities, Ltd. He was associated with the Tuttle Law Print company here for a long period.

Donald moved to Canada with his parents when he was 10 years old. He attended the Madison street school. Later they visited with relatives and friends here frequently. He was a high school senior in Sutton, when he came to Rutland to enlist in the Navy at the age of 19, on September 10, 1940. He was inducted into service at Springfield, Mass. His first assignment was at Pearl Harbor, where he was a member of the crew of the U. S. Cruiser Astoria. Later he was transferred to another ship. He was ship's cook, second class, at the time of his death.

The mother of the young sailor received a letter from him just two weeks before the notification of his death was received. She was the former Geneva Lilly and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Frost



DONALD M. ALDRICH.

of this city while attending high school. She remained with them until the time of her marriage, except for a period in which she took a nurses' training course in Palmer, Mass.

Besides his parents and sister, Donald leaves a younger brother, Richard, aged 14. The family also has relatives in Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich returned yesterday to their home in Canada.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD.

Pfc. Altobell Killed Nov. 11

War Department Notifies Family
Rutland Machine Gunner
Is Dead.

On the 26th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918, a Rutland boy, Pfc. Albert L. ("Boots") Altobell of 32 Meadow street, a machine gunner with an infantry unit was killed in action in France, a telegram from the War department informed his family yesterday.



PFC. A. L. ALTOBELL.

Pfc. Altobell, who was 27 years old, was the youngest of seven children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Altobell of Meadow street. He was educated at St. Peter's school and before entering Army service last January 29 was employed in war work as foreman of the core department of the Patch-Wegner plant here. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and had been overseas since July.

Surviving him is one sister, Mrs. John Romano of North Bergen, N. J., whose son, Sgt. Pasquale Romano, 28, who lived for many years in Rutland, was killed in action in France in August. Pfc. Altobell had planned a re-union with his nephew, one year his senior, and had not been informed of his death. He also leaves six brothers, Anthony, Victor, William and Michael Altobell of Rutland and Dominic and Lawrence Altobell of Jersey City, N. J.

Pfc. Altobell was last heard from in a letter dated November 6. He asked that his family send him a prayer book and a rosary, and said that he had had many "close calls."

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Staff Sgt. Peter Abatiell, one of the first Vermont boys reported wounded in the invasion of Normandy, has received a medical discharge from the Army, and is now making his home with his wife on School street.

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TLAND DAILY HERALD,

Three Sons

News of the safe arrival of one son, a bomber pilot, "somewhere overseas" and word on the promotion of another son has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Adams of 228 North Main street.

First Lieut. Howard F. Adams has notified his folks that he and his bomber crew are safe after their long flight, details of which must be kept secret.

The other son, a member of the medical corps at Fort Bragg, N. C., is Thomas R., who has been made a sergeant and been accepted as an officer candidate at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

A third son, Pvt. Kenneth W., is training as an air force mechanic at Goldsboro air base, N. C.



All four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anoe of 122 Maple street are in the armed forces, two of them on foreign duty. The two oldest, both married, are (top, l. to r.) Pfc. Bernard, aged 30, whose wife is the former Gertrude McDevitt and who has been in England a year and a half; and Pfc. Richard, 27, of Camp Grant, Ill., who is married to the former Marie Lancour and is the father of one child.

Lower (l. to r.) are Pfc. Robert Anoe, 20, who has been in Italy for about a year, and Pvt. Edward, 18, stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. The Anoes also have two sons-in-law in the service, both in England—Corp. Carl B. Whittemore and Corp. Howard Whittemore, who are brothers. A third son-in-law expects to enter service this spring.

Pvt. R. Anoe Missing In Luxembourg

Pvt. Richard Anoe has been reported "missing in action" in Luxembourg, December 20, according to a telegram received yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Marie Anoe of Park avenue, from the War department.

Pvt. Anoe was with a medical unit of the infantry with the First Army and his wife last received a letter from him dated December 15, written somewhere in Germany.



PVT. RICHARD ANOE.

Entering the Army, January 8, 1944, Pvt. Anoe went overseas in July the same year, landing first in England before going into France. He has two brothers in the service and one who has been medically discharged: Pfc. Bernard is stationed somewhere in Germany and had been serving in the same outfit as Richard; Pvt. Robert is somewhere in Italy and Edward has received an honorable discharge.

Mrs. Anoe and her two-year-old daughter, Judith Ann, are making their home on Park avenue. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anoe, reside on Maple street.

Pvt. Richard Anoe Is Prisoner Of Germans, Red Cross Reports

Pvt. Richard Anoe, earlier listed as "missing in action" in Luxembourg on December 20, has now been reported a prisoner of the German government, according to word received through the International Red Cross by his wife, Mrs. Marie Anoe of Park avenue.



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Mrs. Anoe and her two-year-old daughter, Judith Ann, are residing on Park avenue. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anoe, live on Maple street.

More Women Ask Divorce

Suits Filed by Mother of 6 Separate Men

Three women, each the mother of a set of twin children, yesterday filed for divorce in Family Court while a fourth woman filed a petition for separation.

Charging her husband, Joseph Poro of Pittsford, with severity and cruelty, she has failed to support six children, aged 10 to 14, of Pittsford, she filed for divorce. Mrs. Poro today of the same town filed for separation. Charging her husband, Joseph Poro of Pittsford, with severity and cruelty, she has failed to support six children, aged 10 to 14, of Pittsford, she filed for divorce. Mrs. Poro today of the same town filed for separation.

Esther M. Poro of Pittsford sued William Poro of Pittsford for divorce. She had forbidden her husband to have any contact with his former wife. She had held property in her own name. The Court granted her a divorce. She had forbidden her husband to have any contact with his former wife. She had held property in her own name. The Court granted her a divorce.

Another woman filed for divorce.

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Pvt. R. Anoe Home From Nazi Prison

Pvt. Richard Anoe, whose wife and two year-old daughter, Judy live on Water street, has just arrived home after being liberated from a German prison camp at Bad-Orb. Pvt. Anoe, who was taken prisoner at Auren on December 17, at the time the Battle of the Belgium bulge, was transported to Germany in box cars and on foot.

Liberated April 2, Pvt. Anoe was taken to LeHavre, France, where he spent several days recuperating before being sent back to this country. The local soldier, who arrived in Rutland yesterday morning, said he was so glad to be getting home that he had very little reaction to the V-E Day announcements.

Two other Anoe brothers are serving in the European theater: Pfc. Bernard Anoe is in Germany and Pvt. Robert Anoe is in Italy.

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T/5 Bernard F. Anoe of North street has received an honorable discharge from the Army after 35 months of service in Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, England, France and Germany, and is now at his home. He was awarded eight bronze battle stars for participation in various campaigns.



Wounded Iwo Veteran On Furlough at Home

5/30/45

Marine Pfc. Calvin W. Atwood, veteran of Iwo Jima, Saipan and Guam, is spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Atwood of Merchants Row. Pfc. Atwood, who was formerly with the Paratroopers and has been in the Marines two and one-half years, was wounded while serving with the Fifth Marine division on Iwo Jima. Hand grenade fragments caused him to be blind for 17 days, and a bullet is still lodged in his leg. On June 5 Atwood is to report at the hospital at Bainbridge, Md., for further treatment.

Pfc. Atwood, who was a resident of Rutland for five years, attended high school in Fair Haven, where he played on the football team.

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Peter L. Aquistapace, GM 3/c, who spent a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Massimo Aquistapace of 116 Jackson avenue, has returned to his ship on the west coast where it has been for repairs. Aquistapace, who attended Mount St. Joseph academy for two years, participated in the battles of Luzon and Leyte.

Lack of Food No Drawback

**Pfc. Bernard Brothers Makes
No Complaint After Experiences
as Nazi Prisoner.**

Pfc. Bernard Brothers, 22, of Pine street, finds current shortages of food and cigarettes work little hardship upon him after his experiences as a prisoner of war of the Nazis for nine and one-half months.



PFC. BERNARD BROTHERS

The redheaded young infantryman, as an enemy captive, helped bury German soldier dead to "earn" three cigarettes, and, on another occasion, was locked up for three days, without food, because he failed to give Nazi interrogators information concerning his division.

Pfc. Brothers was captured at the edge of St. Lo in France on July 23, 1944. He was with two battalions which waded a river, slogged through a swamp and ran across an open field 500 yards under heavy artillery and rifle fire in advancing toward their objective. One of a group of seven, he was cut off from the rest of his outfit by a tank. Taking refuge in a foxhole, the men held out all night and, when their ammunition gave out they were captured. Brothers was imprisoned at St. Lo, Chartres and Alencon in France and in Limburg and Muhlberg. Food was scarce and treatment was "rough" most of the time, Brothers said.

From the Muhlberg camp, the Rutland soldier, a former truck driver, was assigned to work by the Germans, repairing high-powered telephone lines. Sometimes he worked from 14 to 18 hours a day, the installations being continuously damaged by flak directed at Allied planes and by Allied bombings. The prisoner of war workmen were in constant danger both from German flak, especially in the vicinity of Berlin, and allied planes, and often bombs dropped thick and fast about the barracks where they were housed while on "commando" work in the towns and cities away from the prison camps. On Friday, April 13, of this year, the prisoners were rounded up in the town of Falkenhin where they had been working and were started on a march as the Allies approached.

Learning by grapevine that the Americans had reached and "fenced off" a nearby town of Allenburg, the prisoners defied the armed guards and refused to continue. The guards soon after that changed their military uniforms into civilian clothes and armed with false "credentials," made their getaway after locking the prisoners in a barn. The liberation by the 76th division was a hilarious event, but there was word that the "chow" trucks would not arrive for several hours. Meanwhile the former prisoners "found their own meals" in the surrounding countryside.

Brothers is spending a furlough with his wife, the former Rita Savage, whom he married just before he went overseas 14 months ago, his aunt, Mrs. George Ryan of Evergreen avenue, his father, Ozro M. Brothers, who is employed in Utica, N. Y., and his sister Miss Jane Brothers, who is engaged in war work in Schenectady. He has one brother, Francis Brothers, serving with the Navy at Okinawa.

MARCH 29, 1945.

Hero's Death Story Told

T/Sgt. Palmer Bashaw Killed
Over Italy After Helping
Save Friend, Wife Learns.

Details of how Tech. Sgt. Palmer J. Bashaw, Rutland airman killed in action over northern Italy on January 31, 1944, met death in the explosion of his flak-hit B-24 Liberator bomber, "Brady's Gang," of which he was radioman-gunner have been learned by Mrs. Bashaw who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bashaw at 10 Leonard street.



T/SGT. PALMER BASHAW.

T/Sgt. Bashaw died, she has learned, after helping to save the life of a fellow crew member. She also has just recently received the Air medal and accompanying citation he earned.

Most of the crew members have returned to this country and several have told the story to Mrs. Bashaw, but she just recently heard it from S/Sgt. Francis L. McPherson of Quincy, Mass., tail gunner, who is the man who credits Sgt. Bashaw with saving his life.

"When the flak hit the ship I didn't even know about it and the first inkling I had that anything was wrong came when the alarm bell to prepare to bail out was sounded," Sgt. McPherson said.

"We were about 22,000 feet in the air," he went on. "My heated suit wasn't working, due to a blown-out fuse, and my hands were frozen. Unable to put on my own parachute I went back to the waist where Sgt. Bashaw helped me to don it. If it hadn't been for him I wouldn't be here now.

"I was about to bail out when I happened to look around and saw Sgt. Bashaw talking to someone over the interphone system. I thought he was getting further orders and went back to see what it was all about.

"Unconsciously I put my hand on the rip-cord of my parachute.

"Then the ship blew up."

Sgt. Bashaw's aid and the unconscious action of holding the rip cord combined to land Sgt. McPherson, injured but safe, he relates. But Sgt. Bashaw, who had helped him, died either in the blast or in the fall.

Later Sgt. McPherson found shelter in mountain hideouts, was caught and sent to Nazi prison camps, and later came home on the Gripsholm.

Sgt. Bolgioni, Here on Furlough, Tells of Life as German Prisoner

To demoralize the individual man to the lowest point possible was the objective of the Nazi regime, toward all who did not share their beliefs, according to S/Sgt. Larry Bolgioni of 43 Forest street, home after his liberation as a prisoner of war of Germany.

Bolgioni, assistant manager of the Outlet store grocery department before he left Rutland for active service with the Vermont National Guard early in 1941, has 110 points under the Army system. He was captured on January 31 in the Kolmar section of Alsace and his family had no word of him until his mother, Mrs. Riziere Bolgioni received a letter last Mother's Day.



S/SGT. LARRY BOLGIONI.

With eight other American soldiers serving at an advance first aid station with a medical detachment connected with the 28th division of Gen. Patch's Seventh army, Sgt. Bolgioni was making his way up a snow- and ice-covered mountain toward the town of Ste. Marie to evacuate two seriously wounded men when he was captured. Runners had notified the station of the plight of the two wounded and, with sleds and first aid equipment, the medics began to climb the mountain, following a wire trail. Their progress was interrupted by enemy mortar shells and they were forced to take cover in some woods. They lost their way and came upon a trap, another wire trail which led to the Nazi command post.

The nine men were marked two miles in the darkness and then halted for what they believed would be their execution. After a pause they were marched all night to another town, 14 miles away, where they were interrogated and then marched another 40 miles to a collection point called Walkirch. They were told they would stay a week there but the time stretched out to five weeks. They were housed in a former barn with 115 American boys and 100 French soldiers. Daily menus consisted of synthetic coffee in the morning and thin soup and a seventh of a loaf of bread at night. They slept on cots with chicken wire as the only "springs," had no blankets, no sanitation or bathing facilities and the place abounded with lice, Bolgioni said. Punishment for any infringement of rules was severe.

On one occasion an American prisoner accidentally knocked down a blackout curtain and, as a punishment, the entire compound was without lights of any kind for a week. The barn, which stood on the main highway, was strafed one night by United States planes,

knocking out moving German vehicles.

Several attempts were made to move the men from the collection center by rail. Moving as far as Freidburg in locked box cars, 115 Americans were obliged to remain in the train and "sweat out" a bombing by Allied planes. Then they went back to the barn. A second time, the prisoners marched from the barn to the station and remained there some minutes and then were marched back. Efforts were made by the Nazis to cause friction between prisoners of different nationalities.

Later the men were marched to a point near Stuttgart. They were on a forced march, the objective being the Bavarian Alps, when American and Russian troops were approaching. This was the time when they were liberated. The men sensed that the day of freedom was at hand when they observed the sudden absence of their guards and, when the tanks of the 12th Armored division of the Seventh army caught up with them on April 27, the frantically joyous prisoners kissed their liberators and the tanks, too. They had their first meal in months from G. I. kitchens, and welcomed the sight of white bread.

Bolgioni said that after his liberation a Jewish boy who had been a political prisoner in a concentration camp was taken in by the

United States soldiers and he sobbed out a story of the massacre of his mother and father in the camp before his own eyes.

Sgt. Bolgioni said his months of imprisonment made the sight of Rutland all the more appreciated. He is on furlough with his parents, until August 13. His brother, Staff Sgt. Robert Bolgioni, is stationed in Belgium.

Bolgioni would like to see some of his former "buddies" in the 43d division with whom he first trained, he said. He was a member of the Vermont Guard for two years before it was indoctrinated into federal service.



Official U. S. Navy Photo.

Three fellows who have a "grand time flying together" are "Clink" Clinkenbeard, radioman; Lieut. (j. g.) Burton M. Ball, pilot, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ball of Washington street, and his turret gunner, "Caveman" Cavender. The picture was taken aboard their carrier about a month ago, in the Pacific area. The local lieutenant is pilot on the Grumman torpedo bomber shown in the background with its wings folded, to take as little space as possible on the aircraft carrier's storage deck.

Lieut. B. M. Ball Writes Home of Island Vacation

Enjoying a week or so of "vacation" on a South Pacific island, Lieut. (j. g.) Burton M. Ball, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Ball of Washington street, recently wrote his parents of some of his adventures "which can now be revealed." He is pilot of a Navy Grumman torpedo bomber on a carrier in the Pacific area.

The letter stated in part:

"The chief censor just told us we can now tell where we've been, in part. Our first job was at Makin, last November 20. We stayed there through Thanksgiving, and from now on I'll always have something more to be thankful for—above and beyond what I've always been thankful for. It was early Thanksgiving morning when the Siscombe Bay went down—and we were not over 100 yards from her when she was hit! What a sight! Our fantail lookout reported that a torpedo missed our own stern by about 50 feet; but no one else saw it so there is no verification. Anyway, it missed us if there was one. Our second big job can't be told as yet.

"Right now, we are off the ship and are spending a week or so on an island which was very much in the news some time ago. We sleep on cots with no pillows or sheets, have outdoor latrines, and drink water from a coconut shell. But we love it. It's really fun to get out and rough it for a change. It sort of brings back Boy Scout camp memories. Malaria is the one big worry—but that's being stamped out rapidly.

"A few days ago another fellow and myself hiked out to a native village and had a swell time talking to the natives. They like the Americans very much. When the Japs went through this village, they beat up all the natives they saw, besides killing one of their young girls. So when they went through again in the other direction, the old chief killed seven Japs with his war club and is pretty proud of that fact."

Prior to entering the Naval service, Lieut. Ball studied at Union college and was a member of the varsity swimming team there. He received preliminary training at the Naval Air station in New Orleans, La., and then received his flight training course at the Naval Air training center in Pensacola, Fla., where he was commissioned ensign. He was only recently promoted to lieutenant, (junior grade).

Joseph A. Brislin Recounts 19 Months' Experiences As Director of Red Cross Clubs

Recreation Director, Well Known Here and Throughout Vermont, Here on Leave After Serving Behind the Lines in Africa and Italy; Tells of Desert Temperatures Up to 150 Degrees.

Current temperatures of 90 and thereabouts inflict no hardship on American Red Cross Club Director Joseph A. Brislin, who was well known throughout Vermont as a recreational director before volunteering for overseas service. He is home on leave for the first time in 19 months from the Mediterranean theater, where he played a major part in the program of providing recreation and relaxation for the members of the Allied fighting forces.

In the desert regions of North Africa, where troops train and have fought, the temperature hovers around 150 degrees, Brislin states. The Red Cross has a club in one such place, Marrech, which is back from the sea and where you get the warm winds from the desert, he says.

The Red Cross has no assimilated ratings, but if Director Brislin should be captured by the enemy he would immediately rate as a captain. The rank is not used in work-

ing with servicemen, he explains.

He has served in North Africa and more recently in Italy. On his way home, he travelled from the latter country to Casablanca, and then to the United States. He is spending his leave with his wife and two and a half year old son, whose home is in Barre, at Lake Dunmore, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brislin of Spellman terrace.

An idea of the tremendous job done by the Red Cross in working with servicemen overseas is given by Brislin, who when he left Italy, was in charge of an enlisted men's service club, 'an officers' club, a theater, two snack bars, an ice-cream bar, a bakery and an ice-cream manufacturing plant. The theater shows good pictures every day, and for the most part gets features before they are shown in the states, he says. When there is a drain on the supply of films, the old ones are shown over again.



JOSEPH A. BRISLIN.

The theater in the Italian city where Director Brislin was last on duty was attended by 12,000 servicemen and women daily, he says. These included soldiers, officers, enlisted men and women, merchant marine and navy personnel. Five shows a day were given, with continuous performances.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,

Capt. J. Graham Bruce Among Americans Freed in Luzon Drive

Capt. J. Graham Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bruce of South Main street, was among the American prisoners of the Japanese recently liberated on Luzon by United States Army troops. His parents learned of the fact yesterday in a telephone message from the officer's wife, who is a resident of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mrs. Bruce received a cablegram directly from her husband through a Poughkeepsie newspaper, a war correspondent having arranged to send the message to the United States.

Capt. Bruce's greeting to his family was: "Army troops rescued us. Well and happy. Will communicate with you soon. See you soon."

The members of the family had heard nothing from Capt. Bruce since late November when they learned through a Japanese radio broadcast that he was a Nipponese prisoner. They had feared, however, that he might be held somewhere in Japan.

When Bataan fell, Capt. Bruce was with Gen. MacArthur's forces as an Army physician. The family heard nothing from him, after he was taken prisoner, until August, 1943, when a form card, such as the Japanese permit prisoners of war to use at long intervals, arrived at the family home. Part of the message



CAPT. J. GRAHAM BRUCE.

contained was in Capt. Bruce's handwriting.

Then there was complete silence concerning his whereabouts until the cablegram reached Mrs. Graham Bruce.

Capt. Bruce is a graduate of the University of Vermont and he practiced medicine for 10 years in Springfield, Mass., prior to entering the service. He was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Burlington, before being sent to the Philippines in August, 1941.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 1945.

New, More Versatile Pack For Infantry Developed By Maj. R. J. Billado, Rutland

Every doughboy who has ever cursed under the uncompromisingly heavy, awkward and unversatile load of a full field pack owes a vote of thanks to Maj. Reginald J. Billado, former Rutland resident, husband of Mrs. Reginald Billado of 186 Grove street and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Billado of Edgerton street. Now commanding officer of the First Battalion at the Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Wheeler, Ga., Maj. Billado is the inventor of a new infantry pack now being produced for standard issue to overseas troops.



MAJ. R. J. BILLADO.

Maj. Billado, who was wounded in the battle for Munda in July, 1943, returned to this country last July and after leave returned to Washington where he worked upon the idea of the new pack with several other officers and veterans of the Pacific theater of war.

Maj. Billado's new pack which he developed is capable of being broken down into three separate units to meet the load requirements of any particular type of duty or action.

It was especially designed to correct grievances reported by infantrymen in all theaters of operations and in accordance with Maj. Billado's own experiences with the old-style pack in action in the Pacific.

One of the prime complaints regarding the old style pack was that,

although heavy, it had relatively small capacity and could be broken down in only two ways, full-field and combat.

Able to be used as combat, full-field, or transport pack, the new equipment is divided into three separate sections. The combat pack resembles a musette bag in appearance, is pocketed, and has space for a raincoat, rations, toilet equipment, a complete change of clothing, cigarettes and still leaves ample room for small items that the soldier may consider necessary to the action.

As in the larger section of the pack, a folding rubber flap at the mouth keeps the contents of the combat pack dry under the most trying conditions. In actual tests, it has remained waterproof while completely submerged for a period of 24 hours.

This lower section is equipped with a canvas handle on the top for utilization as a hand-carried bag, said to be perfect for furlough requirements.

Small considerations that are all-important to the man in combat have been worked into the design. Detachable suspension straps enable the doughboy to wear them suspender fashion to help hold up heavy cartridge belts even when the pack is not worn. Hand straps to help him hitch the pack higher on his shoulders, enable the infantryman to "ride" the weight, taking pressure from the shoulder straps.

Commenting upon the invention made by his brother, Lt. Col. Francis R. Billado of Bellevue avenue stated last night that the pack is standardized and is completely replacing the old type. He went on to say that it is not the only Army improvement that his brother has assisted in. While his brother was in the hospital he worked out several ideas to lessen difficulties in fighting in the Pacific theater of war. His ideas for improvement of the hand-held 60 m.m. is now in use and standardized.

He has also improved a sling for firing both light and heavy caliber machine guns.

Lt. Col. Billado, now home on leave from his duties in the New Development division of the War department special staff, will return to his post August 1 in Washington. He said last night that both he and Maj. Billado expect to be reassigned to the Pacific area before long.

"However," he said, "I'm going fishing tomorrow."

Joseph Brislin, in Africa, Is Made Red Cross Regional Club Director

Joseph A. Brislin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brislin of Spellman terrace has been appointed American Red Cross regional club director for the area extending from Tripoli to Dakar in North Africa, according to word received by his parents.



JOSEPH A. BRISLIN.

Brislin, who is 35 years old, is said to be one of the youngest men in the Red Cross service to assume such a responsibility. Working under his supervision, in the interests of servicemen, are 97 American Red Cross workers, 30 prisoners of war, 15 enlisted men and 437 civilians.

The appointment was made by Raymond Fisher, Red Cross delegate from Washington to the Middle East Theater of Operations, in orders which read:

"As a result of a complete survey of the North African area, and following my discussions with the Army and Red Cross staff members, I am pleased to advise your appointment as regional director of clubs for North Africa. You will be relieved of your area club duties (in Italy) by Lyne Bright, and you will work closely with him so that he may ascertain various details. Your past performance assures me of your success in this new responsibility. Every effort will be extended by my office to assist you in your new assignment."

"You can easily see that this is the biggest job I have ever tackled," Brislin wrote his parents, "but I feel sure that I can carry it out without difficulty. What pleases me a lot is the fact that I will have, in my American personnel, people especially picked for the job, well educated, and many leaving better paid jobs to come to the Red Cross and give their services."

The North African area includes three regions, each with area directors, club and assistant club directors and many staff assistants.

Each regional director also has custody of Red Cross property.

Brislin has long been interested in recreational activities. He was manager of the Rutland Municipal pool for a few seasons before becoming director of recreation in Rutland under the Works Progress administration. Later he became state recreation director for the WPA and at the time he left for overseas with the Red Cross, was recreation director for the city of Barre. His wife and two children live in that city.

He's Only 18 But Pfc. Beriau Of East Pittsford Gets a DSC For Helping Catch 69 Germans

Pfc. Arthur R. "Sonny" Beriau, jr., of East Pittsford, is only 18, but already he has earned his laurels with the Fifth army fighting in Italy by playing a major part in the capture of 69 Germans.

The tall red-haired youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beriau, Route No. 1, Rutland.

In a letter to his grandmother, Mrs. Adele R. Beriau, who lives next door to his parents, received yesterday, he passed on the information that he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, but modestly refrained from providing any details.

At the same time, however, the explanation came in the form of a news release from the headquarters of the Fifth army in Italy, stating that on his second day of combat on the Fifth army Italian front, Pfc. Beriau spearheaded an attack which resulted in the capture of the 69 Nazis.

The dispatch to The Herald added that:

"Among the prisoners taken by Beriau and his platoon buddies in the 34th 'Red Bull' division were a battalion commander, a company commander, a second lieutenant and a master sergeant, according to the Army release.

"The Americans, 11 enlisted men and their officer, pushed up to the crest of a hill in the face of withering German mortar and machine-gun fire, rifle grenades and smoke shells. Beriau and a companion, each equipped with a Browning automatic rifle, led the assault. Despite the barrage they inflicted several casualties on the enemy.

"Resistance ceased when two other Red Bull soldiers killed a German machine-gunner and flushed a lieutenant out of a dugout.

"To the infantrymen's astonishment, the German officer said he believed the rest of his outfit wanted to surrender. He insisted on one condition, however—they would give up only to an officer.

"Beriau's platoon leader, Lt. Sidney Goldstein of Glen Cove, N. Y., agreed, and the two officers shook hands on the arrangement. The New Yorker accompanied the German lieutenant to the reverse slope of the hill. Beriau protected the 'gentlemen's agreement' with his automatic rifle, keeping it trained on the German as the two departed.

"All went well and the battalion commander formally surrendered to Lt. Goldstein. The Yanks then

rounded up the 68 Germans, who were distributed over the slope."

A note by the East Pittsford serviceman's lieutenant on the back of the letter to Mrs. Beriau, stated that Pfc. Beriau is in line for promotion to a sergeantcy.

Pfc. Beriau was educated at Barstow school in Chittenden, where he took a course as a machinist.

Since he was a small boy he assisted his grandfather, the late Almer F. Beriau of East Pittsford in the craft of rug-weaving. His grandmother hopes he will pursue this work after the war.

During the summer vacation of 1943, he was employed by the Fellows Gear Shaper company in Springfield. He enlisted in the Army on October 7 of last year at the age of 17. He was inducted on November 5. He trained in Alabama, and has had only one furlough home. He has been overseas since last April.

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Sgt. Beriau Is Honored

Rutland Staff Sergeant, on Italian Front, Awarded Bronze Star and Silver Star.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY (By Mail)—Staff Sgt. Arthur R. Beriau of RFD 1, RUTLAND, VT., who was recently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the Fifth army front in northern Italy, has now been given the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" in action on the same front.



SGT. A. F. BERIAU.

Beriau, 19, is a member of Company A, 133d Infantry regiment, of the 34th "Red Bull" division.

When one man was killed and three other men were wounded by an anti-personnel mine and were trapped 300 yards in front of friendly lines, Beriau and three comrades volunteered to go to their aid.

After crawling through the minefield and despite withering fire from two hostile machineguns which were raking the area, Beriau and his three comrades reached the wounded men. They found that one man had lost a leg and the other two were too seriously wounded to help themselves. A tourniquet was applied to the first man's leg and then Beriau and his comrades evacuated all three wounded men from the danger area.

"Sgt. Beriau's courage and initiative under fire aided greatly in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and his action reflect great credit on himself and the military service," the citation said.

Young Beriau received the Silver Star for aiding in the capture of 67 Germans last fall. He also holds the Purple Heart after being wounded in the early winter and his grandmother, Mrs. Adele R. Beriau of the East Pittsford road, received word this week that he has been awarded a Good Conduct ribbon.

Beriau has been in Italy almost a year, being sent across immediately after spending a short furlough in Rutland a year ago this week. He went across as a private first class, receiving his advancements since starting to serve with the Fifth army.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Beriau, sr., also of the East Pittsford road

FORMER SPRINGFIELD
WORKER IS WOUNDED.

Staff Sgt. Beriau Cited Again For Heroism in Italian Campaign

Further heroic exploits in Italy of S/Sgt. Arthur R. Beriau, jr., 19-year-old East Pittsford soldier, came to light this week when his parents and grandmother, Mrs. Adele F. Beriau, also of the East Pittsford road, received his citation for gallantry in action on September 18 and 19, 1944. The award was an Oak Leaf cluster to the Silver Star, which Beriau had won previously. He also holds the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

This latest honor comes to Beriau for taking over command of an American outpost in Italy after the commanding officer had been killed and so organizing the hill defenses of his unit that the small band of Yanks was able to hold out for 25 hours against the stiffest kind of German attacks.

The citation reads:

"At about 1100 hours after a large-scale bombardment of enemy artillery and mortar fire had killed the company commander and wounded three others, Sgt. Beriau and 19 other men held their ground and fought off repeated enemy attempts to regain the hill.

"Under cover of the barrage, a force of about 50 Germans attacked the hill. Sgt. Beriau and three comrades constantly exposed themselves to continuous and heavy machinegun, rifle and grenade fire, organized the defenses and prepared to meet the onslaught.

"Inspired by Sgt. Beriau's aggressiveness and courageous leadership, the small force repulsed the enemy, killing two and capturing three



S/SGT. A. R. BERIAU, JR.

more. Then for 25 hours the group held the position against repeated attempts of the enemy to dislodge them.

"The tenacity and devotion displayed by Sgt. Beriau reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States."

Beriau is a graduate of Barstow school in Chittenden and entered the Army a year and a half ago, being sent to Italy in April of 1944.

He is still stationed in Italy, according to latest word reaching his family.

Wherefore, while praising your merits, his Excellency requests

"without the magnificent support of every man, woman and child in

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1945.



Herald Photo.

ARMY LIFE WAS NEVER LIKE THIS for S/Sgt. Larry Benedict of Killington avenue who gives the photographer a sly wink as he dropped a perch into the frying pan. He has been in the service over 37 months. (Story same page.)

Army Nurse Earns Star

Heroic Service During Philippine Liberation Brings Award to Lt. Brousseau.

First Lt. Grace M. Brousseau of the Army Nurse corps, daughter of Mrs. Grace Mattison of 82 Grove street, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for "heroic and meritorious service during the liberation of the Santo Tomas Internment camp." The award was made by Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, commanding general of the U. S. Army forces in the Western Pacific.



LT. GRACE M. BROUSSEAU.

The citation given Lt. Brousseau, who is a member of the 49th General hospital and one of the first American nurses to land in Manila at the time of the Philippine invasion reads:

"For heroic achievement in Luzon, Philippine islands, from February 9, 1945 to February 24, 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As a member of an advance medical group, Lt. Brousseau was ordered into a bitterly contested combat zone to provide medical care for approximately 3700 American and allied civilians suffering from malnutrition and other maladies resulting from long internment at Santo Tomas university, Manila, during the enemy occupation.

"Despite air raids, artillery and small arms fire, which inflicted casualties among patients and military personnel, and a lack of water and basic medical and surgical necessities, she strove long and successfully to conserve lives endangered by enemy action.

"By her high courage, zeal and selfless devotion to duty, Lt. Brousseau rendered a valuable service in a period of extreme emergency during the Luzon campaign."

In conferring the awards upon Lt. Brousseau and other nurses in her group, Gen. Styer said:

"Through these individual awards the whole Army Nurse corps is honored. Your tender care of the sick and wounded, often times give under shell fire and in mud and rain, marks you as true 'angels of mercy.' You have met emergencies calmly and efficiently and have willingly endured many hardships in the performance of your duties. Our nation is proud of you. The United States army gratefully appreciates your loyal service."

Lt. Brousseau, a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy, enlisted in the Army Nurse corps at Fort Jay, N. Y., in July, 1942. She was stationed at Camp Maxey, Tex., and Chickasaw, Okla., and went overseas in January, 1944. She served at New Guinea, Hollandia, Biak, Leyte and Manila. She was promoted to first lieutenant in May.

Jap Radio Sends News

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bruce
Hear of Prisoner Son Via
Enemy Message.

Through a radio broadcast by a Japanese station, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bruce of South Main street have received a message from their son, Capt. J. Graham Bruce, who is a prisoner of the Japs, having been captured at the fall of Bataan where he was serving as an Army physician in Gen. Douglas McArthur's forces.



CAPT. J. GRAHAM BRUCE

It was the first word the Bruces had received from their son since August, 1943, when a printed card such as those with which the Nipponese supply prisoners of war at long intervals arrived.

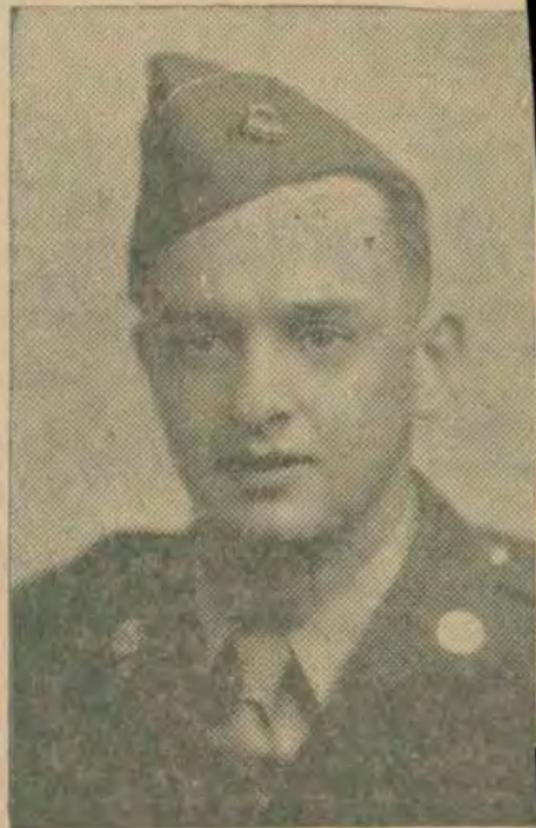
The recent message was sent to a member of the family by the provost marshal, United States War department. It reads:

"Following enemy propagan-da broadcast from Japan has been intercepted: 'Happy for opportunity to write on Dad's birthday. Delighted with many letters; I am (radio signals faded) pictures of (fade out). I was delighted to receive package (sent by family in August, 1943). Also received both your radiograms. Capt. James G. Bruce.'"

"This broadcast supplements all previous reports."

Capt. Bruce is a graduate of the University of Vermont and practiced medicine in Springfield, Mass., for 10 years before entering the war service. He was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen before being sent to the Philippines in August, 1941.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1945.



Pvt. James F. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey of Whitehall, N. Y., and nephew of Mrs. Edward R. Terry of 106 Jackson avenue, was recently reported killed in action on January 10 during the invasion of Luzon. His mother is the former Julia C. Gleason of Center Rutland.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1945.

Pfc. C. Burns Reports on His Sightseeing

Pfc. Cecil H. Burns, who is living at present in what was formerly a German army camp in Augsburg, Germany, has written his mother, Mrs. Cora Amery of Post street, of a sight-seeing tour to Innsbruck, Austria.



PFC. CECIL H. BURNS.

He writes that the scenery was very beautiful riding over the Bavarian Alps and especially from one of the mountains which he climbed by cable cars. He also visited the Brenner pass, and saw the house where it is believed that Hitler and Mussolini used to hold their meetings.

Pfc. Burns, who graduated from Rutland High school in 1934, has been in the Army three years and has seen service in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

Rutlander, In Naziland, Finds Germans 'Cold'

"The German people are cold; just what we expected them to be," wrote Staff Sgt. Lawrence R. Bolgioni, believed to be the first Rutland man to report home on conditions found by American soldiers actually fighting on German soil. In a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rizieri Bolgioni of Forest street, the young man commented upon the fact that the German civilians are "so different" from the people of occupied countries whom the Allies have freed.



S/SGT. L. R. BOLGIONI.

Staff Sgt. Bolgioni left Rutland with the National Guard, early in 1941, and fought in France, Belgium and Luxembourg before the break through onto Nazi soil.

The Bolgionis have another son, Robert R., in service. He, too, is a staff sergeant and is now stationed in England.

May 12-45

'Best Present' To Mother Is Word From Son

"The best Mother's Day present in the world" was received yesterday by Mrs. Rizieri Bolgioni of 43 Forest street when she opened a letter from her son, S/Sgt. Larry Bolgioni, who had not been heard from since January 31, when he was reported missing in action in France. The letter, written from a German prison camp, was dated March 8 and said that he was in good health.



S/SGT. LARRY BOLGIONI.

"I am so thrilled," said Mrs. Bolgioni. "I told the rest of my family a few days ago that all I wanted for Mother's Day was word from Larry, and it came. Thank God. Our prayers were answered."

Sgt. Bolgioni, who has been attached to a combat medical unit, has seen action in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He left Rutland in November, 1941, with the National Guard and arrived overseas in October, 1943. Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Bolgioni was employed as assistant manager of the grocery department of a local store.

His brother, S/Sgt. Robert Bolgioni, is also serving in the European theater.

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Sergt. Roscoe J. Bruce is now on duty somewhere in the Southern Pacific battle area. Sergt. Bruce, who is the son of Mrs. Nettie Bruce of 126 Maple street, entered Army service in March, 1941. He attended a training school in Mississippi before going overseas.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 26, 1945.



Pfc. Robert Billado, previously reported as missing in action, is now listed as a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received by his brother, Clyde A. Billado of 32 Wales street. Pfc. Billado, a native of Enosburg Falls, was 25 years old last month. His father, Clyde W. Billado, lives in Enosburg Falls. Another brother, Cpl. Charles Billado, is serving in the Southwest Pacific.

AUGUST 4, 1942.



Francis W. Billado of 59 Bellevue avenue has been promoted to the rank of major and assigned to the Army general staff at Washington, D. C. Maj. Billado left Rutland with the National Guard as a captain. He was later assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Mrs. Billado and their son will join him in Washington soon.

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LAND DAILY HERALD,



Edward C. Bergstrom, shown above, is with the Eighth Armored division at Fort Knox, Ky. He has just returned there to resume his duties after a furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Bergstrom of Woodstock avenue. Bergstrom enlisted in 1941. He is a graduate of Rutland High school.

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S/Sgt. L. Benedict And Miss Hageman Of Nebraska Are Married

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Shirley Hageman of Lincoln, Neb., and S/Sgt. Lawrence Benedict of the Army Air force, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Benedict of Killington avenue. The ceremony took place in the Baptist church, Chimney Rock, N. C., on Monday, May 14, with the Rev. Vose officiating.



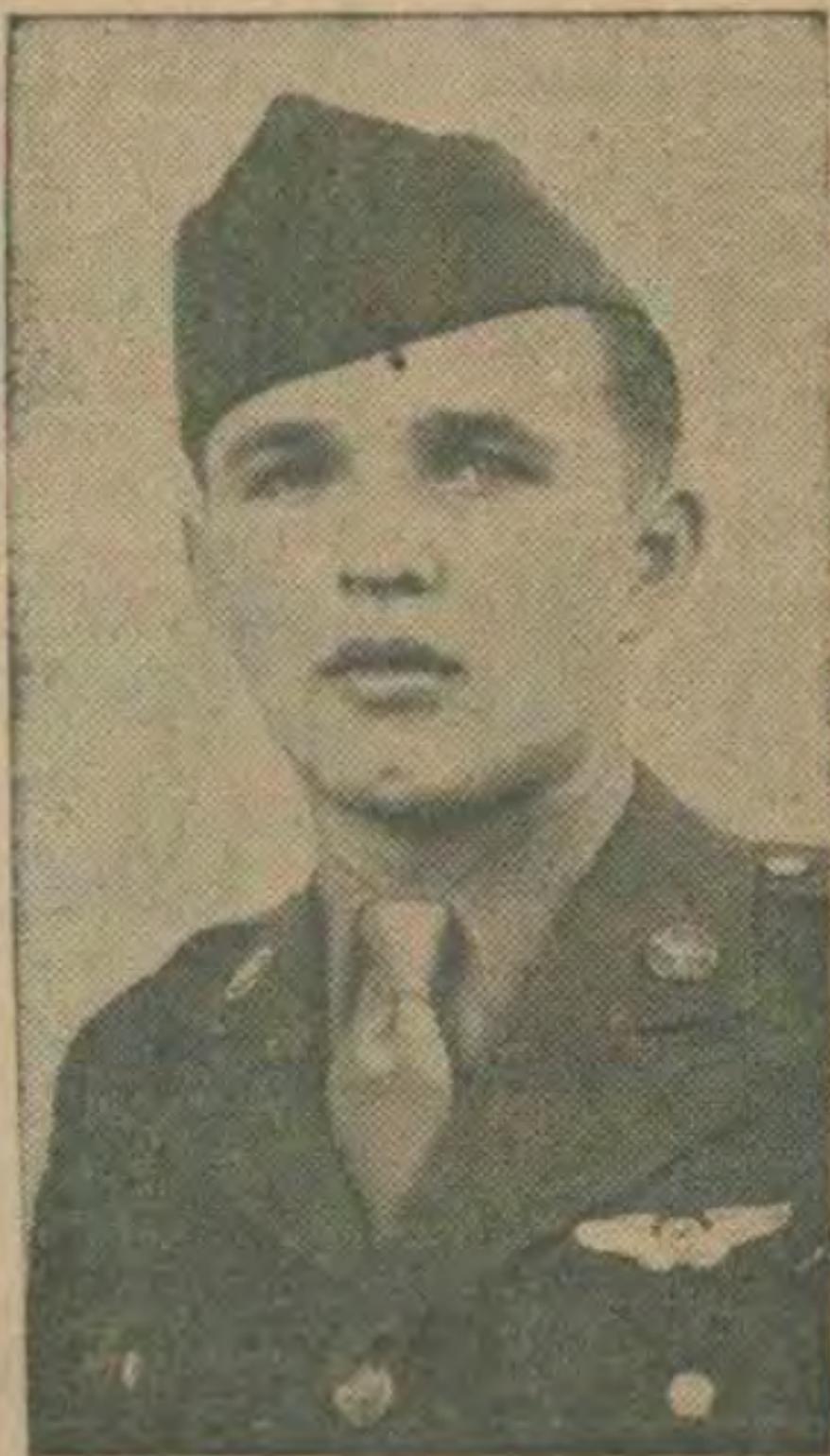
S/SGT. LAWRENCE BENEDICT.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Mrs. Earle Hageman. Miss Barbara Clark of Santa Barbara, Cal., was bridesmaid, and S/Sgt. Vincent Bellondi, of Lawrence, Mass., was best man. A reception at the Enlisted Men's club at the Lake Lure A. A. F. rest camp followed the ceremony.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Benedict are spending their honeymoon at Lake Lure, N. C., and Atlantic City, N. J.

The bride was employed at the Lincoln air base before her marriage. S/Sgt. Benedict recently returned from the Southwest Pacific area, where he served for 37 months with the Fifth Air force.

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Staff Sergt. Michael H. Belock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belock of Creek road, won a cash prize of \$6 for placing second in an aircraft identification contest open to all officers and enlisted men of the 52d Bombardment squadron, stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Sergt. Belock's score on the contest, which required identification of 50 of the most widely used combat planes of all countries under simulated combat conditions, was 148 out of a possible 150.



Word has been received by Mrs. Reginald J. Billado of 26 North Main street, that her husband (above) has been promoted to the rank of major in Washington where he is assigned to the Requirements Section at headquarters, Army Ground Forces. Maj. Billado, who was wounded in the battle for Munda on last July 15, returned to this country and upon completion of a leave at his home, was assigned to Washington. His brother, Francis W. Billado, former Rutland attorney, is also a major. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Billado of Edgerton street.

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Capt. Reginald Billado of 26 North Main street has arrived safely at an undisclosed destination "somewhere in the Pacific," relatives here learned yesterday. Capt. Billado, who was recently promoted, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Billado of Edgerton street. His wife, the former Barbara Noyes, is making her home in this city. He is a brother of Maj. Francis Billado of Washington.

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S-Sgt. Bolgioni Missing Since Jan. 31 Action

S/Sgt. Larry Bolgioni, 30, former Rutland High school athlete, has been missing in action in France since January 31, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rizieri Bolgioni, of 43 Forest street, from the War department.



S/SGT. L. BOLGIONI

Sgt. Bolgioni, who has been attached to a combat medical unit, has been action in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He left Rutland in November, 1941, with the National Guard and arrived overseas in October, 1943. Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Bolgioni was employed as assistant manager of the grocery department of the Outlet store.

His brother, S/Sgt. Robert Bolgioni, is now serving in Belgium.

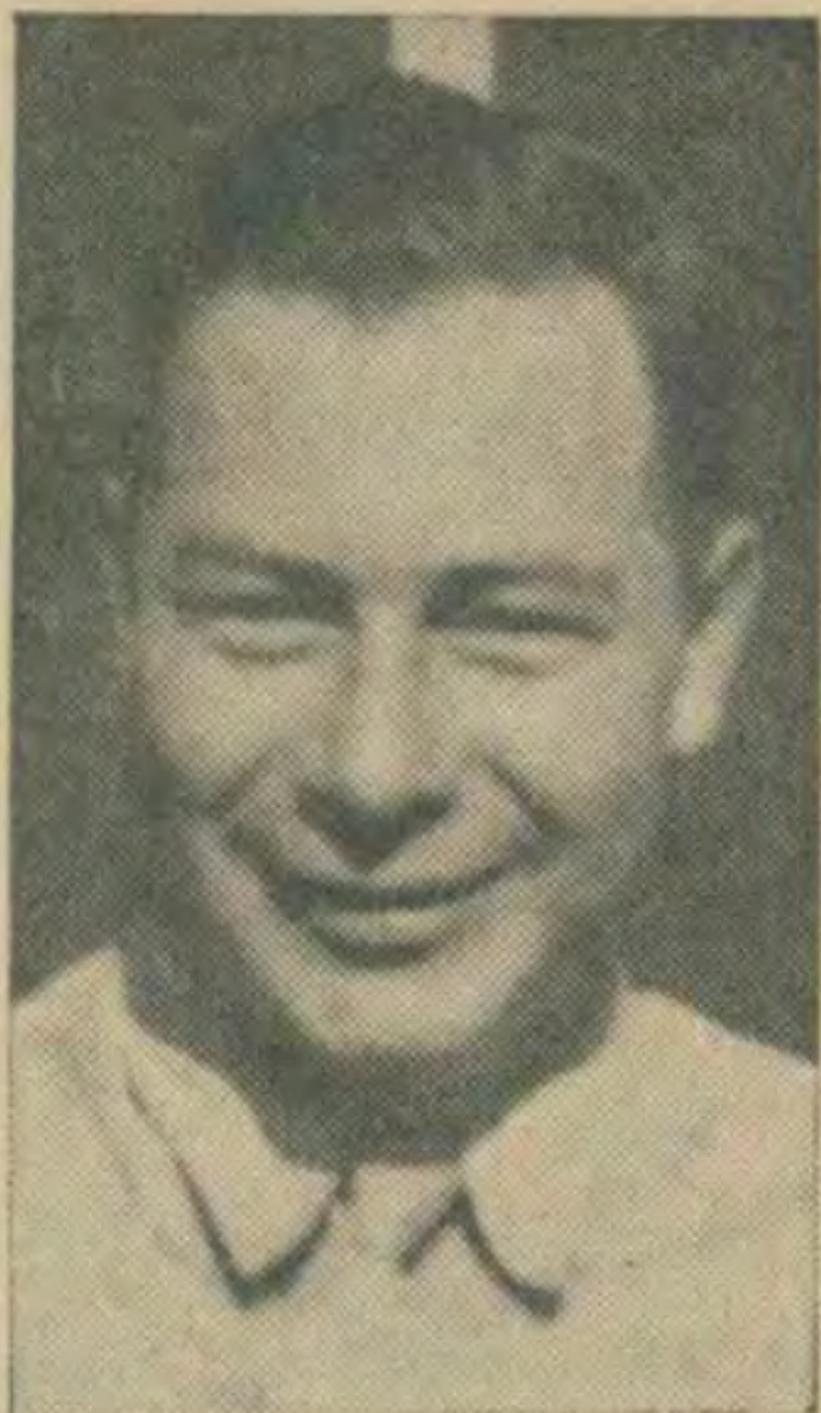
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ATLANTA DAILY HERALD,



S/Sgt. Peter R. Bove, radio operator on a B-24 Liberator in the Eighth Air force, whose home is at 35 Pine street, has been awarded an Air medal for "meritorious achievement in accomplishing aerial operational missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe." Sgt. Bove, who has been in the Army two years, has flown on seven combat missions, participating in attacks on Karlsruhe, Aachen, Hamburg, Bingen, and on various military installations. He received his wings at Yuma, Ariz., trained in radio at Sioux Falls, S. D., and completed his training at Charleston, S. C.

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William E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown of the Hotel Bardwell, is shown above. Brown, who enlisted in May, is now training as a bombardier at Buckley field in Colorado.



Aviation Cadet Robert Baxter Bean, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean of Crescent street and Lake Dunmore, died February 8 at the United States Naval hospital in Portsmouth, Va., following a serious operation on January 23. The funeral was held Monday at Church of Christ the King in Rutland.

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Pvt. Richard M. Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barron of Baxter street, has completed his basic Marine corps training at Parris Island, S. C., and has been assigned to the corps' Radio school at New River, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1942.



William C. Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Bartlett of 61 Pine street, is stationed at an Army aerial photo school in Denver, Colo. Before joining the service he was employed in the Bryant Chucking Grinder company in Springfield.

Capt. Fred Beauchamp

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 2, 1945.



Ensign Joyce Rosemary Beauchamp daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beauchamp of 148 Adams street, is a member of the United States Navy Nurse corps stationed at the United States Naval hospital in Sampson, N. Y. Large numbers of Navy and Marine corps veterans of the Pacific and European theaters of operations are being given medical and surgical treatment there.

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Pvt. Robert O. Bursey, son of Mrs. Ida M. Bursey and the late William Bursey of Grove street, has returned to Houlton Air base, Houlton, Me., after a holiday furlough at home. Pvt. Bursey graduated from Rutland High school in 1940 and spent a year training at the Ford instrument plant in Long Island, N. Y. He enlisted in the Air corps last September.

Mary M. Burke Completes Her Nurse Training

Miss Mary Margaret Burke, daughter of U. S. Marshal and Mrs. Edward L. Burke of 94 South Main street, is at her home after completing a nurses' course at St. Vincent's hospital, New York.



MISS MARY M. BURKE.

Miss Burke is one of a class of 72 to graduate recently in exercises held at St. Patrick's cathedral. During her training period she was affiliated with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service; Willard Parker Communicable Disease hospital and the Islip State hospital in Long Island.

Miss Burke is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy.

Sept 23-44

Missing Youth Now Reported Nazi Prisoner

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After months of anxiety over the fate of Pfc. Bernard J. Brothers, 22, formerly of Pine street, who had been reported missing in action in France since July 23, Rutland relatives this week were informed by the War department that the young soldier is now a prisoner of the German government.

The message that Pfc. Brothers was missing was received by his wife, Mrs. Rita Savage Brothers of Park street, early in August. The telegram that her husband is alive and a prisoner of the Germans was received at her home on Park street while she was visiting in New York, and the good news was relayed to her there.

Pfc. Brothers is the son of Ozro M. Brothers, who is now employed in Utica, N. Y., and the late Mrs. Theresa Barrett Brothers. He has a sister, Miss Jane Theresa Brothers, who has just returned to Schenectady, N. Y., after a few days' visit with her aunt, Mrs. George Ryan of Evergreen avenue. A brother, S 1/c Francis Brothers, 24, is serving with the Navy in the Atlantic area.

Pfc. Brothers has been overseas since May. He is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy and was employed at Bove's grocery on State street before entering the service two years ago.



DR. MAURICE N. BELLEROSE.

Dr. M. Bellerose Enters Army As Major Today

Having been commissioned as major in the United States Army Medical corps, Dr. Maurice N. Bellerose of West street, state orthopedic surgeon and associate professor in charge of orthopedics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine at Burlington, will leave today for Fort Devens, Mass., where he has been temporarily assigned to the Lovell General hospital.

Maj. Bellerose, who enlisted in Washington on September 3, received his commission on September 15, and was ordered to report at Fort Devens on September 30. He has been attending orthopedic surgeon at the Rutland hospital and at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington for a number of years, and is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons and of the American Academy of Orthopedic surgeons.

For the past six years, as state orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Bellerose has conducted clinics for Crippled Children throughout the state, under the direction of the Crippled Children's division of the state department of health. The clinics have been conducted regularly at Bennington, Brattleboro, Montpelier, Burlington, St. Albans, Barton and St. Johnsbury and twice yearly at Barre and Rutland.

With Dr. F. R. Ober of Boston, professor of orthopedic surgery at Harvard university, Dr. Bellerose has made bi-annual tours of the state treating crippled children. At the present time there are 1500 cases in the active file on this work in Vermont. Surgical operations in the cases have been performed in Rutland and in Burlington.

Dr. Bellerose said yesterday that the work will be continued under the supervision of Miss Lillian Kron, directress of the crippled children's division of the state department of health, as heretofore. It is expected that the surgical operations will be performed by Dr. Ober in Boston.

Maj. Bellerose is the son of Mrs. Lena G. Bellerose of this city and the late Dr. Bellerose, who was a well-known physician. He was graduated from Rutland High school and from Norwich university in 1925. He studied medicine at the University of Vermont college of medicine, graduating in 1929, and interned at the Staten Island hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. Before coming to Rutland he was resident surgeon at the New Jersey Orthopedic hospital in Orange, N. J., and at the New York Orthopedic hospital in New York.

He is the second member of his family to enter the armed service. His brother, Lieut. Alberic H. Bellerose of Belmont avenue, physician and former Rutland city health officer, is now stationed at Greenville, Tex., with the U. S. Army Air corps.

Miss Marguerite Canty Honored at Shower

Miss Marguerite Canty of South Main street, who is to be married on October 19 at Christ the King church to Michael Johnston of Schenectady, N. Y., formerly of Rutland, was entertained at a shower given recently at the home of Mrs. Joseph Canty of Woodstock avenue.

A color motif of blue and yellow was carried out in the decorations and favors. Bridge was in play and a luncheon was served. The affair was in the form of a kitchen shower, and the bride-to-be received a variety of gifts.

The guests included Mrs. William Carr, Misses Mary and Dorothy Kelly, Mrs. A. Franzoni, Mrs. John Keefe, Mrs. Kathleen Tree, Miss Beth Nicholson and Miss Anna Connors.

T-Sgt. Bartalena Missing, Family Here Informed

11/22/45

T/Sgt. Dante Bartalena, jr., 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dante Bartalena of Hopkins street, has been reported "missing in action" by the War department, his parents have learned.



T/SGT. DANTE BARTALENA, JR.

Word that Sgt. Bartalena was missing was received by his wife, the former Alice Stouges, at her home in Queens Village, N. Y., late last week, and she telephoned the information to his family. It is believed that the young soldier was lost in the Belgian area. He had been overseas only two months, and had entered service March 27, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was later stationed in Alabama and Arkansas.

Sgt. Bartalena is a graduate of Rutland High school and attended Columbia university. Before entering the Army he was employed by the Dell Publishing company in New York. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartalena, and has four sisters, Mrs. James Gilrain and Mrs. John A. Bruton of this city and Mrs. Harry F. McGovern and Mrs. J. J. Campbell of New York.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1945.

Medal Given T-5 Crowley

Rutland Soldier Is Awarded
Bronze Star for Meritorious
Achievement.

The bronze star for meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy in the evacuation of American casualties in the European theater of war has been awarded to Technician Fifth Grade Joseph R. Crowley, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Crowley of 20 Nichols street.



T/5 JOSEPH R. CROWLEY.

The award was made in Germany last month, his parents have learned. T/5 Crowley is a member of the famous "White Cross of Lorraine division." He is attached to the medical detachment of the 304th Medical battalion. The citation which accompanied the award read:

"For meritorious achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy from June 19, 1944, to April, 1945, in France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany.

"Throughout this extended period of combat T/5 Crowley performed his duties as squad leader in a litter bearer platoon in a most capable and efficient manner.

"Exhibiting unusual ingenuity and sound judgment in his execution of assigned functions, he contributed greatly to effective evacuation of casualties. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by T/5 Crowley reflect great credit on the armed forces of the United States."

T/5 Crowley was a machinist in the Rutland Railroad shops when he entered service three years ago. He is a Rutland High school graduate and starred in football, track and basketball. He has one brother in the service, Capt. Francis Crowley, former track star, an overseas veteran now director of athletics at Camp Lockett, Cal.

UARY 15, 1945.



Capt. Raymond R. Cutler, husband of Mrs. Thelma Cutler of Bellevue avenue, has recently been promoted to his present rank, and is with the Ordnance unit of the First Service command in Boston. He enlisted in November, 1942, and was formerly employed with the Standard Oil company in this city. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cutler of Bellevue avenue, and is a graduate of Rutland High school and of Clarkson Institute of Technology at Potsdam, N. Y. Capt. and Mrs. Cutler have one son, William, aged 8.

4/2/45

Crash Kills J. Cantone

Navy Chief Petty Officer, Rutland Native, Dies in Florida Auto Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cantone of 78 Traverse place received word yesterday that one of their three serviceman sons, Chief Petty Officer Joseph Cantone, 33, U. S. Navy, well known in this city, died in an automobile accident in Jacksonville, Fla., where he had been on duty. No details of the tragedy were immediately available. The officer's wife, whom the Navy informed of the accident, lives with their small daughter in Oregon.



CHIEF JOSEPH CANTONE.

Chief Cantone, a native of Rutland, was graduated from Rutland High school and later took a government position as an accountant in Washington, which he held at the time of his enlistment. Recently he had been assigned to duty in the South, after a period of service at sea.

Besides his wife and child and his parents, he leaves three brothers, Maj. Peter Cantone, U. S. Army, stationed in Washington; Pasquale Cantone of Washington, Staff Sgt. Anthony Cantone, who is now fighting with the Third Army in Germany, and four sisters, Mrs. Clement Abatiell and Miss Emily Cantone of this city, Mrs. Howard Cobb of Malden, Mass., and Mrs. Richard Blasser of Richmond, Va.

12/19/44

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Pfc. Cioffi Is Killed

Rutland Soldier, Earlier Listed
as Missing, Now Reported
Dead in Action.

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Cioffi of 260 West street yesterday received word that one of their three fighting sons, Pfc. Raymond Cioffi, was killed in action on November 25 in France. On December 11, Pfc. Cioffi had been reported missing. The message was received from his wife, Elizabeth Marro Cioffi of Marlboro, N. H., who received a telegram from the War department informing her of her husband's death.



PFC. RAYMOND CIOFFI.

Pfc. Cioffi entered the Army in February, 1944, and received training at Camp Grant, Ill., where he was attached to a medical unit. He was transferred from there to Camp Bowie, Tex., and went overseas the first part of October.

Besides his wife and four-year-old son Jerry, Pfc. Cioffi is survived by his parents; five brothers, Cpl. Frank, who is in France, Sgt. Patrick, who is in Hawaii and Ralph, who has recently been honorably discharged, and Rocco and Anthony of Rutland; and by four sisters, Mrs. Salvatore Romano, Mrs. John A. Cioffi, Mrs. Rudolph Firliet and Miss Alice Cioffi, all of Rutland.

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Promotion to the rank of colonel came January 5 to Jack A. Crowley, former Rutland lawyer, veteran of World War I and of nearly five years' service in World War II, according to word reaching relatives here yesterday. Now on terminal leave in Washington, Crowley was advanced from the rank of lieutenant colonel which he had held since late in 1943. Almost three years of Col. Crowley's service against the Axis was overseas in the Africa-Europe-Middle Eastern theater, from which he did not return until last fall.

OCTOBER 16, 1945.

Lt. Col. Crowley, In Austria, Is Awarded Medal

Lt. Col. Jack A. Crowley, Rutland attorney, has been presented the Bronze Star medal by Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the United States forces in Austria, it was learned here yesterday.



LT. COL. JACK A. CROWLEY.

The presentation was made at a "Salerno Day" ceremony on September 9 at Salzburg, Austria, when tribute was paid to the spirit of the men who participated in the invasion of Italy on September 9, 1943.

Serving with the G-2 division, Allied Force headquarters and headquarters of the Mediterranean theater of operations, Col. Crowley received the award for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations from April 27, 1943, to June 5, 1945."

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THURSDAY MORNING, DE

Capt. Crowley Now Hospital's Athletic Head

Capt. Francis A. Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Crowley of Nichols street, has joined the staff of the Army's Baxter General hospital at Spokane, Wash., as athletic officer, according to an announcement made by Col. Alva B. McKie, commanding officer at the institution.



CAPT. FRANCIS A. CROWLEY.

Capt. Crowley, who has been serving with the Fifth Army in Italy, has been sent to the Spokane hospital on reassignment upon his return from overseas.

Capt. Crowley is a former Rutland High school and Manhattan college athlete. He was also former Olympic runner and NCAA two-mile champion, retiring from active track participation several years ago. Later he became track coach and history instructor at LaSalle academy in New York. Previous to entering the service Capt. Crowley was Michigan sales director for an eastern brewing company.

Mrs. Crowley and their children have gone to Spokane, where they will reside.

OCTOBER 12, 1944.

Soldier Alive Because Jap's Shell Was Dud

Around his neck, Pfc. Louis Cappabianca wears a charm made from a Japanese cartridge and he has the best of reasons to believe it is his personal talisman.



PFC. LOUIS CAPPABIANCA.

The life of the New Guinea scout, a son of Anthony Cappabianca of Strongs avenue, hung on that shell during a jungle trail engagement near Saidor in which he disposed of a Japanese captain with a rifle shot and then knifed a Japanese colonel to death, according to one of the party.

The story was disclosed by Staff Sgt. Alfonso H. Garcia of Los Angeles, Cal., now in Letterman General hospital in San Francisco.

"We found a jungle knife was a pretty handy thing to have," said Sgt. Garcia. "A buddy of mine, Pfc. Louis Cappabianca, is a good example of that.

"It was near Saidor and we were just moving into the deep jungle again after capturing a small village. Pvt. Cappabianca who was leading the squad as scout, spotted two Japs coming down the trail. He killed one—who was a captain—at pretty close range with his M1 (Garand). He went for the other man, a colonel, with his knife. The Jap officer pulled his pistol and fired point-blank, but the Luger didn't go off and it was the last ~~chance~~ the Jap had. Pfc. Cappabianca is still wearing the dud cartridge out of that Luger around his neck as a good-luck charm."

Pvt. Cappabianca was brought up in Rutland and moved to Asbury Park, N. J., about three weeks ago, being inducted there.

In a recent letter from him, his father, the proprietor of Joe's Barber shop on West street, learned that he had been injured when a mortar shell exploded nearby and that for a time his legs and arms were paralyzed. After a period in a rest camp, the scout emerged recovered and is now on duty.

Pfc. Cappabianca attended Rutland High school and was an instructor at the Municipal swimming pool.

Young Pilot Is Killed

Lt. John S. Creed Dies While
Serving With 8th Air Force
Over Germany.

First Lt. John S. Creed, 21, gave his life in the service of his country while piloting a Flying Fortress with Gen. Doolittle's Eighth Air force over Germany on April 8, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill E. Creed of 44 East Washington street, learned yesterday.



LT. JOHN S. CREED.

The young air corps officer was graduated from Mount St. Joseph's academy in June, 1941, and enlisted in the Army on August 31, 1942. He was first assigned ground crew work in the air corps and later advanced through the various phases of airplane maintenance and pre-flight training. He received his silver wings in February, 1944 at Marfa, Tex., as a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot. He was issued a new B-17 of the latest design, which, with his crew, he flew overseas in October, 1944.

Two months ago he received the Air Medal and a commission as first lieutenant. At the same time, he was promoted to flight leader, in which capacity he was serving when he was killed in action.

Besides his parents, Lt. Creed is survived by two brothers: First Lt. Edward Creed, who has been serving in India for the past two years with the Air Transport command as engineer in charge of the big Kirachi airfield, and First Lt. Joseph Creed, who is on the Army's inactive list until he completes his work as interne at the Springfield, Mass., hospital; and one sister, Miss Betty Creed, a student at the College of St. Rose in Albany, N. Y.

2/17/45

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S-Sgt. Courcelle Is Wounded In Luzon Action

S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Courcelle was wounded in action in Luzon on January 24, according to a War department telegram received yesterday afternoon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Courcelle of 15 Charles street.



S/SGT. L. J. COURCELLE.

S/Sgt. Courcelle is a member of the 43rd division. A graduate of Rutland High school, he enlisted for service on March 19, 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He has been overseas for 28 months.

He has been awarded a Combat Infantryman's badge for "exemplary service under actual combat conditions."

Sgt. Courcelle Wounded 2d Time on Luzon

S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Courcelle has been wounded for the second time during the fighting on Luzon, according to word reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Courcelle of 15 Charles street yesterday.



S/SGT. L. J. COURCELLE.

S/Sgt. Courcelle, a member of the 43d division, was wounded in action the first time on January 24. No details of his second injury have been given, but his parents have received an Oak Leaf cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart medal.

A graduate of Rutland High school, S/Sgt. Courcelle enlisted on March 19, 1941 and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He has been overseas almost 32 months and wears the Combat Infantryman's badge.

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S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Courcelle, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus A. Courcelle of 15 Charles street, has been awarded a Combat Infantryman's badge for "exemplary service under actual combat conditions." Stationed in New Guinea, S/Sgt. Courcelle, a graduate of Rutland High school, volunteered for service on March 19, 1941.

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Corp. Lawrence J. Courcelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Courcelle of 15 Charles street, has arrived safely at an unknown destination in the Pacific, according to word received by his parents. A graduate of Rutland High school, class of 1932, Corp. Courcelle was formerly a plumber in this city.

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Pvt. David Arthur Courcelle, who enlisted in the United States Marines recently at Albany, N. Y., is near the end of his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. Pvt. Courcelle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Courcelle of West Proctor road, Center Rutland.

Pfc. Louis H. Cizmadia Finds '6th' Eventful

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND UNIT, Belgium (By Mail).—Louis R. Cizmadia, RUTLAND, has been promoted to private first class in an announcement by headquarters of his Ninth Air Force Service Command group in Belgium. He maintains personnel records and performs other administrative duties in a section of a headquarters squadron.

His wife, Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Cizmadia, and their two daughters, Martha Lou, 3, and Frances Elizabeth, 2, live at 60 Chestnut avenue, Rutland. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cizmadia lives in Hartford, Conn.

The sixth day of the month has been eventful for Pfc. Cizmadia. He entered the Army on the 6th of December, sailed for overseas service on April 6, reached France on the 6th of one month, Belgium on the 6th of another.

Prior to entering the Army he was employed by the Bryant Chucking Grinder company in Springfield.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1942.



Pvt. Wilford L. Cota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cota of Geno avenue, is home on a 15-day furlough from his duties at an air base in Richmond, Va. Pvt. Cota, who attended Rutland High school, was given a party by Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins of the East Proctor road recently. The young soldier was employed in Perkins' creamery before he entered the Army.

MAY 15, 1945.



Peter D. Corsones, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Corsones of 12 Cottage street, has been promoted to the rank of captain, it was learned here yesterday. He is with the 133d General hospital in the Philippines. He received his lieutenancy upon graduation from the Medical Field Service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., following a six-week course of preparation for duty with troops in the field in August, 1943. Capt. Corsones is a graduate of Rutland High school, class of 1934. He attended the medical college at the University of Vermont where he received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees.

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"Missing in the Philippines" is the word received yesterday from the War department by Mr. and Mrs. Merald W. Cook of 95 Temple street, regarding their son, Merald, jr. Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Cook were notified by the International Red Cross that their son was reported missing but until yesterday's wire from Washington they had no definite word. The picture shows the young Rutland aviator about to make his first solo flight at Nichols field, Manila, a year ago last January. The last direct word from their son was received by Mr. and Mrs. Cook shortly before war broke out in the Pacific last December.

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Pvt. Arthur Conway, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Conway of Cleveland avenue, is serving with the Medical corps at the 28th Station hospital at Fort Bragg, N. C. Pvt. Conway, who attended the Fair Haven schools, enlisted in the Army in June. He was formerly employed by the Rutland Glass company.



Jerry F. Connors, son of Mrs. John Connors and the late John Connors of 141 Strongs avenue, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and transferred to New Orleans, La. Connors has been in the Signal corps since last April. He recently recovered from an appendicitis operation. He was previously employed by the H. E. Robbins Typewriter company in this city and the L. P. Woods company in Burlington.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11, 1944.



Glenn Coltey has just been promoted, in the Italian war theater, from corporal, tank gunner, to sergeant, tank commander, according to word reaching his wife, who lives on Summer street. Sergt. Coltey enlisted October 3, 1940 and has been overseas since October 18, 1942. Wounded in the African fighting, he was awarded the Purple Heart medal. He has a year-old daughter, Glenna, whom he has never seen. Sergt. Coltey graduated from Rutland High school in 1938. His brother, Corp. Gerald Coltey, is serving in the Army Air corps in the Southwest Pacific. Both soldiers are the sons of Mrs. Mary Coltey of Summer street.

Pvt. Considine Killed in Action On August 9

Pvt. William Considine, jr., 21, was killed in action in France on August 9, according to official word from the War department received Saturday by his family here.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Considine of 63 East street, Pvt. Considine was a 1941 graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy and had worked as an automobile mechanic until the time he joined the Army.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Frank, and a sister, Shirley, who are at home. A high mass of requiem will be sung tomorrow morning at 7:30 o'clock at Christ the King church.

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Capt. Raymond E. Collins of 83 Brown street, this city, is stationed at Berry field, Nashville, Tenn., where he is a commanding officer. Capt. Collins left Rutland with the National Guard in February, 1941. He was formerly employed by the W. C. Landon company.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1945



Two Rutland young men, S 1/c Arthur F. Jasmin, left above, and S 2/c Donald William Cook, who were pals at Rutland High school, are still together in Uncle Sam's Navy, both having been sent to Shoemaker, Cal., for reassignment after taking boot training together at Sampson, N. Y. Jasmin, who is a son of Mrs. D. F. Smart of Deer street, enlisted on March 30, last, at the age of 17, while a student at the High school. Cook, who is 18, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of Forest street, graduated from the High school last June. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Arthur of Putnam, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cook of Brandon.

CEMBER 22, 1942.



Pfc. Leroy Clemons, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clemons, a former member of the Vermont National Guard, is now on duty somewhere in the Pacific war area. He was born in Center Rutland, and went to schools in this city and in Elizabethtown, N. Y., where his parents now live. His sister is Mrs. Edward Doty of 52 Cherry street.

Lieut. Clarino Now Flying His 4th Continent

Lieut. Charles J. Clarino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clarino of Killington avenue, a member of the Army air force, is giving the lie to the old Navy saying "Join the Navy and See the World."

Since last spring young Clarino has touched four of the six continents, staying long enough at several villages and cities in Africa and Asia so that he is certain that Vermont is the best land on earth.



LIEUT. CLARINO.

As navigator of a bomber crew, Lieut. Clarino left the United States several months ago, touched South America, toured northern Africa, was for a time in India and his latest letter to his family states that he was in China in July.

Clarino described China as the best place he has struck yet. He likened the climate to that of Vermont, spoke of the green gardens and the rich soil.

The Chinese people, he said, are the most friendly he has met thus far. "They always have a smile on their faces, no matter how hard they are working. The young and the old all pitch in and work, men, women and children."

In previous letters, Lieut. Clarino had described heat and sand storms of North Africa.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Norbert J. Chapleau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chapleau of 95 Baxter street, has completed his recruit training at the United States Naval Training station, Newport, R. I., and is now attending a naval trade school. A graduate of Rutland High school in 1925, Chapleau was employed for 12 years in the engineering department of the Rutland railroad and by the state highway department before he enlisted in the Navy.

11/5/44

Lt. Chapin Is Missing

Former Associate News Editor
of Herald Reported Down in
Yugoslavia.

First Lt. William P. G. Chapin, of the East Pittsford road, Liberator pilot, has been reported missing in action while on a bombing mission over Yugoslavia, November 5, according to a War department telegram received by his wife Saturday.



LT. W. P. G. CHAPIN.

Lt. Chapin, associate news editor of The Rutland Herald before entering service March 11, 1942, is the first member of the staff to be reported missing.

The young Rutland aviator has been stationed in Italy since August 1, of this year and went on his first mission over enemy territory on August 3. Since then, according to letters reaching Mrs. Chapin, he has participated in 23 missions and has earned the Air Medal, an Oak Leaf cluster and a presidential citation. For the past several weeks he has been a group leader at his base in Italy.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapin, Lt. Chapin is a graduate of Dartmouth college. Upon entering the Army he took an intensive meteorology training course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a second lieutenant's commission in December, 1942.

Shortly thereafter Lt. Chapin transferred to flight training and was successively stationed in North Carolina, Alabama, Indiana, Massachusetts and South Carolina before being sent overseas on July 15 of this year. He was raised in rank to a first lieutenant shortly after reaching Italy.

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Ens. Chapin Missing In No. Atlantic

Ens. Seth E. Chapin, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapin of the East Pittsford road, has been reported missing in action in the North Atlantic, according to a telegram reaching his mother yesterday in Montreal. Mrs. Chapin telephoned the news to Mrs. William P. G. Chapin, wife of Ens. Chapin's brother, who is living on the East Pittsford road.



ENSIGN SETH E. CHAPIN.

Ens. Chapin was graduated from the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y., a year ago this spring and almost immediately entered the Navy, being graduated three months later from the Midshipmen's school at Columbia university.

He served for some months on active duty in the Mediterranean before being transferred to the North Atlantic where he was a gunnery officer.

Ens. Chapin's brother, First Lt. William P. G. Chapin, was reported missing in action while on a flight mission over Yugoslavia last November but has since been reported a prisoner of the Germans.



Pvt. Frank J. Chamberlain, 23, son of Mrs. George E. Brown of 138½ West street, who has been serving with the Fifth army, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy. Pvt. Chamberlain, who has been stationed in Italy for a year, has sent the Army Good Conduct medal to his sister, Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain of Dorr drive.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 24, 1942.



Three Army sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy of 186 State street are shown while on a furlough at home. They are (l. to r.), Lawrence J., a Rutland High school graduate, who is now at an unknown destination; Bernard J., a former Mount St. Joseph's academy student, now on duty in Texas, and Thomas P., also a High school graduate and now serving in Georgia. A fourth brother, Edward, is entering the Army shortly and a fifth, Paul, is in Rutland's Company A, of the State Guard.



The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill E. Creed of 44 East Washington street, are both lieutenants in the Army Air forces. Lieut. Edward M. Creed, shown above at left, is stationed in India where he has been for the past seven months. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont college of Engineering, class of 1941, and has been in service since November of 1942. He was commissioned upon the completion of an aeronautical course at Yale university in June of last year and is now a maintenance engineer. His brother, Lieut. John S. Creed, now stationed at Roswell, N. M., recently graduated and received his commission. He enlisted in August, 1942, after graduating from Mount St. Joseph academy the preceding year. Lieut. Creed received instruction in air mechanics at Keesler Field, Miss., after which he had aviation cadet training at Nashville, Tenn.

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Rutland Pilot Describes Landing His Flying Fort "The Hard Way"

BY 1ST. LT. L. C. COURCELLE.

Lt. Lucien C. Courcelle, writer of this story, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Courcelle, who live at 148 Forest Street, Rutland. He attended Mount St. Joseph academy, where he was a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams, captaining the baseball team in 1936. Before entering the Army Air forces, he was employed in Schenectady, N. Y. He received his pilot's wings at Ellington Field, Tex., in July, 1943.)

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—I have often read and heard about landing a B-17 Flying Fortress with the aid of Parachutes but I never dreamed that I would have a first-hand acquaintance with the process. Now I can say that it's not the easiest way to land one of those giants, but it certainly does the trick.

Our target this particular day was an industrial plant in Germany, another of those plants turning out the component parts for Hitler's war machine. On the way to the target the crew was in high spirits, one of the gunners remarking: "When we return another of Hitler's factories will be missing."

As we started our bombing run the usual amount of flak was thrown up at us by the ground defenses, but that is always expected and we didn't bother much until one burst arrived that had our name on it. It rocked "Hot Chocolate", our Fortress, quite a bit but we were able to keep on to the target and drop our bombs. Then we received three more direct hits from flak that knocked out our hydraulic system, oxygen system, and rendered useless all our navigational aids. The No. 1 engine had been hit and was leaking oil badly. I tried to "feath-

er" the propeller, but it wouldn't "feather" and started to vibrate so badly that the whole plane felt as if it were being torn apart.

Fortunately, we were able to stay with our formation until we reached England. I called our control tower and told them "Hot Chocolate" had no brakes to slow us up after landing, so they advised me to proceed to a nearby field where there was a longer runway. In the few minutes it took us to arrive at this new field, my tail gunner rigged up two parachutes by the tail door hatch and stood by, ready to throw them out. Arriving at our landing field we were unable to contact the tower for landing instructions, so it was a matter of going down through the overcast and hoping that someone else didn't have the same idea at the same time.

There was quite a fog over the field and on our first pass at the landing strip, I overshot the runway and had to circle the field again. All this time the crew was as calm and collected as if we did this every day in the week. Coming in the second time, we hit that runway right on the nose. Just as our wheels touched the runway, the tail gunner threw out the two parachutes which quickly opened and slowly pulled "Hot Chocolate" to a stop.

We needed every bid of that longer runway to stop that big Fort and were all glad that our tower had sent us here rather than try the same tactics at our own base with a shorter runway. We were soon on our way back to our base, ready to get back up in the air again and over Germany for more attacks against the Nazis.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,

Lieut. Lucien C. Courcelle, Long Missing, Is Now Listed as Dead

First Lt. Lucien C. Courcelle, missing since October 6, 1944, on a flight over Germany, is now presumed to be dead and is so listed by the Army, as of October 7 this year.

News of the War department's action was brought to this city yesterday by the young flyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Courcelle of Forest street, who were in North Augusta, S. C., with the lieutenant's wife and year-old son when the word was received.

In the War department letter to Mrs. Courcelle, Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, acting adjutant general, stated that, since 12 months have elapsed with no word concerning the missing flyer, a presumptive finding of death has been made, as of October 7, the day after the 12 months expired.

Lt. Courcelle was missing after a flight in the B-17 (Flying Fortress) of which he was pilot over Germany. As described in Gen. Witsell's letter, he was lost on a mission to bomb the Spandau tank factory in Berlin. About 30 miles west of the Nazi capital, the formation was attacked by fighters and Lt. Courcelle's plane was hit and went into a spin. Shortly afterward it was seen to blow up, but crew members in surviving planes of the formation were unable to give further details.

Word that Lt. Courcelle was miss-



LT. LUCIEN C. COURCELLE.

ing came a little over a year ago, close on the heels of a by-line story mailed by the Army from England in which the young man related an earlier experience of landing his plane safely in a dense fog at an English base with the aid of parachutes after his brakes had been rendered useless by flak hits over Germany.

Lt. Courcell's brother, Sgt. Frederick Courcelle, a radio operator, with seven other crew members, died in a bomber crash at Eads, Colo., on February 21, 1944.

The family stated yesterday that a requiem mass will be sung in the near future for Lt. Lucien Courcelle. The young man, 25 at the time of his death, was a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy, where he was an outstanding athlete and captain of the baseball team in 1936. Before entering the service he was employed in the foreign department of General Electric company in Schenectady, N. Y. He received his pilot's wings at Ellington field, Texas, in July, 1943.

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Shown above are the three soldiering sons of Mrs. William Conway of 74 Traverse place. They are (L to r.) Pfc. Arthur P. Conway, who has been an ambulance driver for more than two years and is now serving with a station hospital in France after seeing duty in England and Ireland; Pvt. George H. Conway, who has been overseas six months and is now with a replacement outfit in Belgium, and Pvt. Charles W. Conway, with an infantry regiment somewhere in France. Mrs. Conway has learned that all three brothers are trying to arrange for a meeting in the near future.



S/Sgt. Jeremiah F. Connors of this city, who is serving with a Signal corps unit in Germany, was awarded the Legion of Merit, shown being pinned on by Brig. Gen. Ralph M. Immell. The medal and this picture have just been received by his wife, the former Sophie Frankiewicz of Killington avenue. Sgt. Connors has been overseas for 25 months, taking part in the battles of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France, before his service in Germany. The award, the Army's fourth highest, is given for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the line of duty." Mrs. Connors is secretary to Albert A. Cree, president of the Central Vermont Public Service corporation.

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Pfc. Conway Jap Victim

Killed in Action June 25
on Mindanao, Wife Told;
Never Saw Son.

Pfc. Edward Francis Conway, 22, husband of the former Amelia Picucci of 40 Meadow street, whom he married November 27, 1943, and father of an eight-month-old son whom he had never seen, was killed in action June 25 on the Philippine island of Mindanao, in the Pacific theater of war, according to a telegram received by his wife last night.



PFC. EDWARD F. CONWAY

Pfc. Conway entered the service March 15, 1943 and received his

training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and Camp Pickett, Va. He was sent overseas March 15, 1944. He participated in the New Guinea campaign and was in the battle on Mapia island.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Conway of Pittsford.

Pfc. Conway was a graduate of Pittsford High school and was employed at the Howe Scale company prior to entering service.

Besides his wife, son and parents, he is survived by four brothers, one of whom is in the United States Navy.

Rutland Man Among Crew Of Flying Fortress Awarded Medals for Sinking Jap Ships

Sergt. Frederick Christmas Wins Silver Star for Part in Bombing Attack Off Buna in New Guinea; Nipponese Cruiser, Destroyer Sunk in Action Called "Most Significant of Campaign."

500-Pound Bombs Blast Invaders

Sergt. Frederick Christmas, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Christmas of 80 Plain street was a member of a Flying Fortress crew awarded medals for sinking a Japanese cruiser and destroyer off the town of Buna in New Guinea Wednesday.

The award, a Silver Star, was presented by Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of Allied Air forces in the Southwest Pacific, only 12 hours after the action in Buna harbor. The general suddenly appeared during mess, and the boys hastily borrowed shirts upon which the awards could be pinned.

In complimenting them on their skill and courage, Gen. Kenney termed the battle "perhaps the turning point" of the war in that area, and said:

the vessels, they dropped several 500-pound bombs, one striking amidships of a destroyer.

The ship split apart, and crew members said the concussion was so great that it lifted the planes 100 feet upward, Christmas, according to news reports, said that the tail and elevator surfaces of their plane had fragment holes from flying debris.

A cruiser was sunk, and another destroyer badly damaged as the squadron pressed the attack home too closely to miss. But that wasn't all the squadron did. On the return they saw many small boats filled with Japanese troops which they strafed with deadly effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Christmas, who have only known that their son's letters were post-marked "Australia," stated last night that they received three letters from him last week. He had already seen plenty of action.

Assuring his family of his well being, Christmas wrote in one of them: "I am flying with the same crew in a Flying Fortress and am still seeing unbelievable sights. I am keeping a diary of my Army life and when I get home you are going to have some good reading matter."

In another letter he speaks of meeting a friend: "On one of the trips I met a fellow that used to go to High school with me and we had a grand time together. Guess I will meet quite a few boys from Vermont from the way he talks.

Just how true this was is shown in the next letter which says in part: "Met four boys from Rutland to my great surprise. There is a Romano, Chioffi, Pacca and one of the Colleys. Three of them are working on the same outfit as I am."

Christmas has been in the Air Force for over a year. He was at one time an usher at the Grand theater. His father is a yard clerk on the Rutland railroad.



SERGT. FREDERICK CHRISTMAS.

"There was the most important and most significant single action of the New Guinea campaign."

This bombing squadron had earlier in the day attacked two destroyers and a cruiser far at sea, but bombing at high altitude they had missed their marks. In spite of fatigue they were determined to follow up the attack and returned after dark to finish the job where they knew the ships would be.

Christmas was an aerial gunner and observer aboard a Fortress piloted by Lieut. William O'Brien of Milwaukee, Wis., which swooped in first to drop flares and lead the attack. Making a low altitude run which carried them directly over

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Lieut. Col. Jack A. Crowley Tells How a 30-Day Trip Stretched to Three Years

Rutland Lawyer and Veteran of Two Wars, Home for Holiday, Relates Story of Mission to North Africa in 1942 That Became a 'Duration' Assignment Full of Fascination and Excitement.

How a "30-day" mission to North Africa, an assignment given him in 1942, stretched into three years, with fascinating and exciting further assignments in Italy, the Near East, Austria and Egypt, was told by Lt. Col. Jack A. Crowley, Rutland attorney, who has recently returned to the city after nearly five years of war service.

Col. Crowley, a veteran of the first war, entered federal service again early in 1941 with Company A of the 172d infantry. After service with them at Camp Blanding and in the Carolina and Louisiana maneuvers of 1941, he was sent to Washington to the Judge Advocate General's department, just before war was declared. He attended the first class of the department's school there and after a month with the office was sent to the War department with five other officers for duty with the state department. This group, all lawyers, formed the "Inter-departmental Visa Review board." This work, which involved interviewing all types of people from all over the world, was a fascinating assignment, Col. Crowley said, though some of the people may have felt they had fallen into the hands of the Spanish inquisition.

cer for the handling of British and American civilian travel in the Mediterranean theater. After eight months of this he was assigned to the headquarters in February of 1944.

Then came a special assignment in Italy. He was attached to a foreign military mission, which toured the Italian front for two weeks. The group, he said, was made up of two Frenchmen, two Britishers, one Norwegian, one Peruvian, one Belgian, one Greek and one Mexican. It was an interesting period, Col. Crowley said, especially an audience granted to the group by the Pope. Pope Pius conversed with members of the mission, Col. Crowley said, in French, Spanish and English, and spoke of Vermont, saying it was a very beautiful state.

It was a hectic trip, he said, because of the different languages spoken by the members of the mission, but they finally settled on all speaking French, and got along fairly well.

While on this assignment Col. Crowley's headquarters moved to Caserta, near Naples, Italy, so he never returned to North Africa. Soon after came another mission, this time a very secret one to the Near East which, he said, even now cannot be discussed. He visited Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Jerusalem, and the "powder keg" of Syria and Lebanon. He told of attending an early mass one morning in a little chapel in the Garden of Gethsemane, holding a candle given him by one of the Franciscan monks.

He found the ancient city of Damascus an amazing and fascinating spot, and the Roman ruins at Belbeck impressive.

After this trip came what he calls his most interesting assignment into Bulgaria and northern Greece. Col. Crowley was head of a group, Americans and Russians, sent into Greece to see that the Bulgarians had fulfilled their armistice agreement to remove their troops from Greece. The group consisted of himself and an American interpreter, two Russian officers and a guard of Russian enlisted men. The group, traveling by motor, in five days covered some 1200 miles of Thrace and Macedonia.

They were greeted at every town and village by the entire population, Col. Crowley said, showered with flowers and cheered enthusiastically.

tell ill, and the substitute Greek lawyer was found to be embellishing the speeches and injecting his own political views.

They ate a Thanksgiving dinner in Greece, from the provisions they carried, and had supper that night in Bulgaria. He was impressed, Col. Crowley said, by the deep confidence the Greeks have toward Americans.

Back in Caserta early this year, Col. Crowley was made chief of a G-2 planning mission on the occupation of Austria. When, later in the spring, it became evident that Austria would be occupied by troops coming in from the north, instead of from Italy, he was sent to Heidelberg, Germany to work with the 6th army group, and then with the 7th army group toward the end of the war.

Moving to Salzburg, Austria, just after V-E day Col. Crowley became chief of all counter-intelligence work in the American zone of Austria. Moving later to Vienna with his headquarters, he joined a 24-nation committee to formulate a uniform operating procedure for military government and counter-intelligence work for all of Austria. It worked well, Col. Crowley said, though necessarily slowly, due to the interpreting involved.

At a "Salerno Day" ceremony in Salzburg, Col. Crowley was presented with the Bronze Star medal by Gen. Mark Clark, "for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Mediterranean theater from April, 1943, to June, 1945." Another Bronze star award, for his work in Austria, has not yet been presented.

Finding time for some relaxation

bagged one chamois, which weighed about 65 pounds and looked something like a goat. The meat he said, tasted like liver, which he doesn't like anyway. The country reminded him of Mt. Tabor. The prince's mother, a lady of 84, was obsessed with the idea, Col. Crowley said, of getting back to Potsdam to get her bicycle before somebody stole it.

Late this summer Col. Crowley traveled overland from Salzburg to Camp Chicago in France, and finally sailed from Le Havre on a Liberty ship, arriving at New York December 2. From there he went to Fort Mead, Maryland for separation from the Army, and joined his family in Washington.

Col. and Mrs. Crowley and their son, Justin, are now spending the holidays with Mrs. Crowley's brother, Edward M. Capps, on North Main street. He said his plans for the future are indefinite. Now on terminal leave, he will revert to officers' reserve status on April 6.



LT. COL. JACK A. CROWLEY.

He then returned to G-2 (intelligence) work for four months, arranging for the repatriation of American citizens for the first trip of the Swedish liner Gripsholm. A year to the day after reporting to Washington, Col. Crowley was sent to North Africa on a "duration" assignment, which finally ended the war this year.

At Allied Force headquarters in North Africa he set up a control system with a Br...

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Maj. Samuel W. Carder, Jr., Killed in Action in France

Overseas Since September, 1942, Former Rutlander Died August 30, Family Has Just Learned.

Maj. Samuel W. Carder, jr., 30, of this city, was killed in action in France on August 30, friends and relatives in Rutland learned yesterday. The message was telephoned here by his wife, Mrs. Martha Avery Carder, now of Flushing, L. I., after she received a telegram from the War department. It was the first word she had obtained of her husband since August 16.

Armored division at Fort Knox, Ky. He transferred to the Air corps and trained as an observer, navigator and bombardier at various stations in the southwest.

At the time he left for overseas duty he held the rank of captain. He was promoted to major early this year while serving with a fighter wing of the Air force in England. At that time he had completed several missions and had recovered from wounds received over Nazi-occupied territory.

Besides his wife and his parents, Maj. Carder leaves four daughters, Maribelle, 10; Joan, 8; Martha Worth, 5, and Anne, 4, all of Flushing, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard McKay of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. Vernon Rice of Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Martha Avery of Granger street left yesterday for New York to be with her daughter, Mrs. Carder.



MAJ. SAMUEL W. CARDER, JR.

Relatives here believe that Maj. Carder lost his life while serving as liaison officer with forward troops, acting for the air corps.

Maj. Carder was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Carder, formerly of Rutland, who recently moved to Detroit, Mich. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., October 15, 1913, and was educated in the Detroit and Buffalo public schools, Tilton academy, class of 1931 and Norwich university, class of 1935. Before leaving for active service he was employed by the Standard Oil company here.

Maj. Carder had served overseas since September, 1942. After going into active service in 1940 as a lieutenant he was assigned to the First



Herald Photo
Just to prove he was happy to be home after 28 months in the Pacific area, S/Sgt. Louis Cappabianca of Strongs avenue did a little jig for the benefit of the photographer, as shown above. (Story same page.)

Soldier Has Milk Hunger

Sgt. Cappabianca Is Home After 28 Months in Pacific, 63 Pounds Lighter.

Sixty-three pounds lighter than when he left home and having a longing for "lots of milk to drink," S/Sgt. Louis Cappabianca, is with his father, Anthony Cappabianca of 50 Strongs avenue for a short furlough after having served 28 months in the Pacific area.

S/Sgt. Cappabianca has served in six campaigns, Buna, Saidar, Aitape, Hollandia, Leyte and Luzon. He attributes his loss of weight to repeated attacks of malaria and hospitalization due to injuries sustained in action.

As an indication of his long and varied service he wears a combat badge, good conduct medal, Asia-Pacific campaign ribbon, Philippine liberation ribbon, silver star, purple heart and a unit citation emblem.

S/Sgt. Cappabianca entered service at Camden, N. J., on October 1, 1942, training at Camp Croft, S. C., and embarking from a California port for Pacific duty on January 12, 1943.

"The first thing I longed for when I again landed in California on last May 13 was a good drink of milk and I got it—a big one—from the Red Cross," he said.

The young sergeant went through some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific. He was paralyzed for nine days from concussion after a mortar shell exploded near him at Aitape, New Guinea, and he had an almost parallel experience at Luzon.

When he was a patient at the 133d General hospital in Leyte in the Philippines, he had as his doctor, Lt. Peter D. Corsones of Cottage street, this city.

When he leaves Rutland, S/Sgt. Cappabianca will report to Camp Upton, L. I. He has 111 points and thinks that he may be discharged from service soon.

BY HELEN McLAUGHLIN.

After playing a game of tag with fate in the skies over Nazi-occupied territory for the past eight months, a rugged, red-headed young bomber pilot, Capt. Robert "Bobby" Chalmers, once listed by the War department as "missing in action," is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Chalmers of Burnham avenue, on a 21-day leave.

Although three of the big Liberators which he flew were destroyed in crashes and on one occasion he was the last of the 10-man crew to bail out of a crippled craft behind enemy lines, Capt. Chalmers has emerged from a series of what he refers to as "accidents" without a scratch.

Scanning with satisfaction news reports of the destruction by Allied airmen of parked enemy aircraft at German airdromes, Capt. Chalmers grinned at the recollection of missions of his squadron, blasting Nazi oil refineries which might have otherwise supplied the fuel to move the now inactive planes into battle.

Mrs. Chalmers has been through so many frights at the aerial escapades of Capt. Robert and his brother, Lt. Commander George E. Chalmers, a Navy pilot, since they began their flying careers, that her friends do not wonder that her hair is turning gray.

There was the time when George, as an aviation cadet at Pensacola Naval training station in Florida, was one of nine pilots in a group of 12 who bailed out safely when they were caught in a fog trap during a night flight, and another occasion in September, 1943, when Robert was struck in the head by a buzzard, when he was co-pilot of a two-engine trainer over Tennessee. He was hospitalized for a brain concussion but was soon back on duty.

Last October Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers received a War department telegram stating that Robert, then a lieutenant, was missing in action. With fingers crossed, the parents waited and soon afterwards came a letter from the air force pilot saying that he was "OK."

Asked what happened during the period beginning October 4 when he was reported "missing," Capt. Chalmers explained that was when he was piloting the bomber "All American." In admission over targets in Munich the Liberator was hit by flak, developed engine trouble, the electrical and hydraulic systems were gone and gas leaks were much in evidence. "We limped back, hoping to reach friendly territory, but we brought her as far as we could when we were obliged to bail out at noon on October 4.

"When I saw the co-pilot clear the bomb bay doors three of the engines were already out—I got ready to jump. We landed and soon all 10 of us were together again. The first couple of days we were able to get hold of some milk and black bread and later some people helped us out. Finally, we got back to our base," Capt. Chalmers said.

Then there was the time on December 17 when the Rutland pilot landed another ship, the "Judy R," at his home base with her hydraulic system shot out and the craft severely damaged by 20-millimeter shells. An Army news release showed that the crew was briefed for the Odertal oil refineries in Germany, and just before they reached the target they were singled out by an angry Luftwaffe for the kill. Formations of FW-190s and ME-109s harassed the Liberator for 15 minutes while she floundered about with her fuel lines slashed and two gun turrets and two waist guns knocked out. Then a shot in the

number three engine destroyed the supercharger and a fuel leak caused a dangerous shortage in the supply. Risking a run to the home base, the big problem was to land.

Since the hydraulic system, controlling the flaps and landing gear was out, the engineer had to crank down these mechanisms. In place of the hydraulically operated brakes, the versatile crew hung two parachutes from the waist windows and they opened simultaneously on the moment of impact. The engineer couldn't get the flaps all the way down on one side since one enemy shot had struck the wing at that point. The steering wheel pulled violently and the nose of the ship seemed bent on striking first.

The co-pilot and engineer both threw all of their weight behind the wheel, and "we managed to land without a crack-up," Chalmers said. The press relations officer's account of the episode was picked by the Army air corps as one of their 10 best stories of the year. Capt. Chalmers holds the Distinguished Service cross for his part in this mission. He also holds the Air medal and two Oak Leaf clusters.

Then there was the time over Bleckhammer, famed for its oil refineries, on November 18, when the Rutland flyer, piloting the Liberator "What's Next," ran into flak, had engine trouble, acquired "quite a few holes in the ship" and came back on three engines.

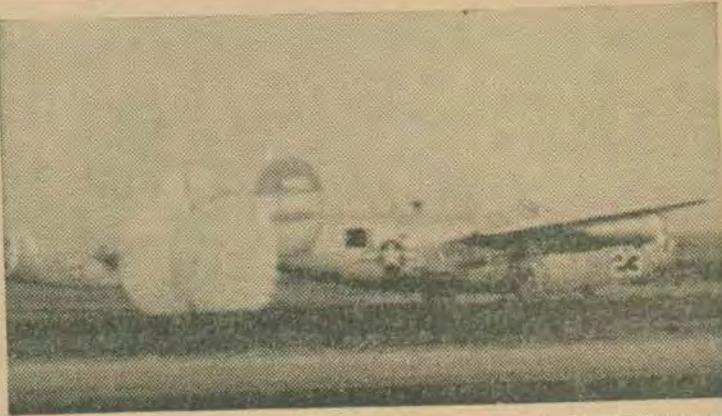
A "lucky miss" was on February 16, over Vienna target, when a piece of flak came through the window and hit Capt. Chalmers' oxygen mask. "Another quarter of an inch would have struck my eye. I was stunned for a minute, but brought the plane back O. K.," he said.

The last "accident" was on the 25th mission, when "we landed out of gas on an emergency strip. Three-quarters way down the runway the left gear broke off, the ship went skidding and tore off a wing. No one hurt. The wreck was hauled away off the field."

"In 25 missions I seemed to get shot up all the time. There were many other Liberators in our squadron that never feathered a fan," says Chalmers. He recalls that one commanding officer declined with thanks his offer to fly him on a mission, declaring, "If there is one Jerry out there, with just one gun, he'll sort you out, Chalmers."

Happiest moment overseas was when a flyer with whom he was eating informed the Rutland captain that there were a "bunch of Vermonters" at a replacement depot nearby. "Fellow named Wing, father's a general," the flyer said. There followed a reunion with Lt. Leonard F. Wing, jr., of Kingsley avenue, recently liberated from a German prison camp, Seaman 1/c Al Merritt of Sargent avenue, Pvt. Bob Blay of Jackson avenue and Louis Fusco of West Rutland, of the military police.

After the peace, Capt. Chalmers hopes to "settle down" and fly a transport plane.



The successful landing of a crippled Liberator bomber, the "Judy R," as shown above, with the aid of two parachutes flung from the waist windows as aids in stopping after the brake system had been shot up, was only one of the feats accomplished by Capt. Robert T. Chalmers (right), Rutland bomber pilot who is home on a 21-day leave after eight months in the European theater. His part in the mission which ended so spectacularly, earned Capt. Chalmers the Distinguished Service cross, but it was only one of many narrow escapes he had—including being listed as missing in action—which he lumps together as "accidents."



Capt. R. T. Chalmers Back After 8 Months Playing Tag With Fate—And Nazi Flak

Young Rutland Flyer, Once Reported Missing in Action, Home After Series of 'Accidents' Over Enemy Lands; Once Landed Crippled Plane With Aid of Parachutes as Brakes.

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Lt. Lucien C. Courcelle Missing Over Germany in Fortress Raid

First Lt. Lucien C. Courcelle, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Courcelle of Forest street, pilot of a Flying Fortress, has been reported missing in action since October 6 over Germany, his family has learned.

The message was relayed by his wife, Mrs. Rachael Courcelle, from North Augusta, S. C., and arrived here Saturday, the same day that a by-line story by Lt. Courcelle, mailed by the Army from an Eighth

Air Force bomber station in England, appeared in The Herald.

The account related Lt. Courcelle's experiences in landing his B-17 Flying Fortress, "Hot Chocolate," safely in a dense fog in England with the aid of parachutes, after his brakes had been rendered useless when the craft ran into flak while bombing an industrial target in Germany. The young pilot had notified his mother that the story was being sent to The Herald, and asked her to obtain for him a few copies.



LT. LUCIEN C. COURCELLE.

Lt. Courcelle's brother, Sgt. Frederick Courcelle, 27, radio operator, with seven members of his crew died in a bomber crash at Eads, Colo., on February 21. The latter's infant son, Frederick Thomas, born two weeks ago at the Rutland hospital to Mrs. Harriet Love-day Courcelle, was baptized yesterday at St. Peter's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Courcelle are optimistic that they will receive good news soon from their "missing" son. He is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy, where he was an outstanding athlete, and captain of the baseball team in '36. Before his enlistment he was employed in the foreign department of General Electric company in Schenectady, N. Y. He received his pilot's wings at Ellington Field, Tex., in July, 1943.

Pfc. Cizmadia's Outfit Marking Time in Europe

Pfc. Louis R. Cizmadia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cizmadia, formerly of Proctor, whose wife, the former Frances E. Grace, and their three children live at 60 Chestnut avenue, is a member of the Ninth Army Air force which is now marking time in the European battlefront after active participation in many campaigns.



PFC. LOUIS R. CIZMADIA.

Pfc. Cizmadia was a member of a Service Command unit who dropped his job of clerk and became an infantryman when the German counter-offensive in the battle of the Belgium bulge threatened his headquarters.

A delayed announcement from Ninth Air force headquarters makes public for the first time the part played by the unit of which Pfc. Cizmadia was a member when the Nazis reached a point only 10 miles from their station, just prior to the time the enemy was stopped by the Allies.

Although the duty of the small group was merely to guard their property, they made their headquarters a haven for battle-weary troops and others moving into the line and supplied them with thousands of gallons of gasoline, oil, warm clothing and other supplies. They also served 2000 extra meals and made possible lodging and warmth for 500 men.

Pfc. Cizmadia entered the Army in November, 1943, and sailed for overseas duty in April, 1944. He and Mrs. Cizmadia have three children, Martha, Frances and Louis Ronald, jr., age six months, whom he has never seen.

Lt. Chalmers Promoted To Captain's Rank

Rutland relatives and friends of Lt. Robert T. Chalmers, 25, Army bomber pilot in the European area, and Lt. Comdr. George E. Chalmers, 30, Navy flyer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Chalmers of Burnham avenue, received good news from the two brothers this week.

Word came from the Isle of Capri that Robert, who returned safely to his base after he had been reported missing in action in a raid over industrial targets in Germany on October 4, that he has been promoted to captain, and that he is on a "rest leave" on the island made famous by song and poetry.



CAPT. ROBERT T. CHALMERS.

An Army release from the 15th AAF in Italy received yesterday states that Capt. Chalmers, as a pilot in a B-24 Liberator group, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in sustained operational activity against the enemy."

The engagement of Capt. Chalmers' older brother, Lt. Comdr. George E. Chalmers to Miss Dorothy Schmitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schmitz of 296 Sterling place, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been announced.

Miss Schmitz was graduated from the College of William and Mary and the Katherine Gibbs school. Lt. Comdr. Chalmers attended Kents Hill Preparatory school and the University of Pensacola, Fla., in 1939. He is now stationed at the Naval Air station, Norfolk, Va. He has been in active service overseas.

Word has been received here that Staff Sgt. Thomas Porter, brother-in-law of the two officers, and a former employe at the Rutland postoffice, who has been serving with the Marines in the Pacific area, participated in the invasion of Peleliu. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Porter of East Washington street. His wife, the former Alice Chalmers, and two small children, live on Burnham avenue.



Bartley J. Costello of the Army Air corps, has been recently promoted to captain, according to word received here. A graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy and the University of Vermont in Burlington, he now resides in Rockville Center, N. Y., with his wife, the former Catherine O'Brien of Royce street, and their son.

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Joseph DeBlasio, Staff Sergeant, Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale DeBlasio of 276 West street yesterday were informed by the War department that one of their four fighting sons, Staff Sgt. Joseph DeBlasio, 26, who left Rutland for service early in 1941 with the Vermont National Guard, was killed in combat in Italy on May 23.



SGT. JOSEPH DEBLASIO.

The father of Staff Sgt. DeBlasio, who is employed by the Rutland city street department, was at work yesterday when he received the news of his son's death. He believes that "Joe" died in the drive for Rome. Both Mr. and Mrs. DeBlasio are natives of Avellino province, near Naples.

Staff Sgt. DeBlasio was last heard from about a month ago when he wrote his family that "everything was well" and to "think about the other boys instead of him." He referred to his three brothers, Pfc. Dominic A. DeBlasio, 20, also in combat in Italy and with whom he had planned to have a re-union; Pvt. Anthony DeBlasio, 24, serving with the Medical corps in South Africa; and Pvt. Louis DeBlasio, 19, who is on duty with the Army in the Southwest Pacific area. At the same time, his fiancée, Miss Alice Hayes of Brandon, a comely brunette, received a letter from the staff sergeant requesting that she "send more cookies."

Besides his parents, Staff Sgt. DeBlasio leaves four sisters, Mrs. Anthony Zullo, and Misses Jane, Ann and Bridget DeBlasio, all of Rutland.

Staff Sgt. DeBlasio is a graduate of St. Peter's school and of Rutland High school, class of 1938. He was employed as clerk with the Immigration Records office in the federal building and later as counterman at the Rutland restaurant. He was a member of the Vermont National Guard before that organization was inducted into federal service in February, 1941, and trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Shelby, Miss.

He was home on furlough last October when he became engaged to Miss Hayes. They had planned to be married after the war and his father had promised him a home on Brown street. He had been overseas since December.

"The Lord didn't want me to keep a boy named Joe," Pasquale DeBlasio said last night. His oldest son of that name died at the age of 18 months, a little more than a year before Staff Sgt. Joseph was born.

"I hope this time when peace comes—it will last," the father commented sadly, and then discussed plans for a military mass to be held at St. Peter's church in the near future.

D'Aniello In Holland With Canadian Force

S/Sgt. Clayton D'Aniello, formerly of Rutland, who has been in the European war theater since July, 1940, with the Canadian Army, is now in Holland, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis D'Aniello of Medford, Mass., formerly of this city, have learned. S/Sgt. D'Aniello attended Rutland High school for three years, in the class of 1935, and at the time of his enlistment, January 26, 1940, he was employed by the Rutland Railroad company.



S/SGT. CLAYTON D'ANIELLO.

Now a member of the army of occupation, D'Aniello was at first attached to the Royal Montreal regiment, in England. He later served in various other units of the Canadian forces and, during the blitz, was on duty as a dispatch rider, just outside of London. He was sent to a driver mechanics' school, a mechanics' school and an armament artificers' school, being made a staff sergeant by reason of passing "Class A" in his course.

At the time of writing one of the most recent letters received by his parents, just before going from England to Holland on April 24, he was in charge of a motor tent shop, testing radial motors.

Local Navy Man Killed

Signalman 1/c Clinton H. Dodge Loses Life in So. Pacific, Family Learns.

Another Rutland man has been killed in action according to a telegram received Wednesday from the War department by Mrs. Clinton H. Dodge of 40 Grant avenue disclosing that her husband, Clinton H. Dodge, signalman 1/c, lost his life in the South Pacific. He is the only son of Mrs. Malvina Jones of 40 Cleveland avenue.



SM1/c CLINTON DODGE.

SM1/c Dodge enlisted in the Navy March 4, 1940, and received his "boot" training at Newport, R. I. He served for a time aboard the USS Ranger and was stationed in Panama for a year. While in Panama he received a citation for assisting in saving the lives of 11 persons. He was transferred to the USS Warrington and served on that ship for more than three years. He was recently transferred aboard a new destroyer.

He was awarded the Silver Star for participation in five major battles.

SM1/c Dodge was born in Proctor, September 14, 1920. He received his education in the Rutland public schools and attended Rutland High school.

Besides his wife, the former Patricia Agnes Elkey, he is survived by his mother, step-father, Howard A. Jones of Rutland, a sister, Mrs. Walter McCullough of this city and his father, Roswell D. Dodge of Chicago, Ill.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 1944.



Wearing his Navy "Wings of Gold," which he recently received, Ensign Anthony Daly, son of Mrs. Frank J. Daly of 27 Engrem avenue, is awaiting at Pensacola, Fla., assignment to one of the Navy's operational training centers before going into combat duty. He was commissioned at Pensacola after completing a course in the Naval Training center there.

Local Marine Helps Thwart Jap Landing

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Marine Pfc. John J. Daley, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Daley of Jackson avenue was a member of a determined company of Marine engineers which recently helped thwart a Japanese plan to land 1500 men behind American lines on the coast north of Naha, capital of Okinawa, according to a delayed dispatch from a Marine combat correspondent.

Pfc. Daley, a star athlete at Mount St. Joseph academy who studied for a year at Norwich university before entering the service, arrived in Okinawa on East Sunday, April 3.

A Massachusetts Marine, Pfc. Alfred A. Grover, 22, of Dorchester, saw the Japs coming ashore in their move to get behind the Yanks' lines.

Only a few hundred men reached shore and they were cut down by the engineers. A few managed to hide until morning but engineer patrols got them.

Pfc. Daley was in charge of one of these patrols. While on patrol, cleaning up the surviving Japs on the island, Daley passed a clump of bushes.

"I got a flashing light in my eyes," he said. "I went back to see what it was and found a Jap staring at me. The sun had reflected off his shiny rifle or I'd never have seen him.

"There wasn't time for me to shoot, so I jumped in after him and tugged the rifle out of his hands. He reached for a grenade but the boys in my squad cut him down before he could throw it."

While in Norwich Daley starred on the basketball team. He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve at the university and left for overseas in November, 1944.

T-Sgt. Dansro Shares in 34 Bomb Attacks

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England. (By Mail).—Thirty-four bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and on Nazi installations in the path of advancing Allied armies in Western Europe were completed by V-E Day by Tech. Sgt. William J. Dansro, jr., 22, RUTLAND, VT., top turret gunner and assistant engineer on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, "Unconditional Surrender."



SGT. W. J. DANSRO, JR.

A member of the 385th Bombardment group, he holds the Air medal with four Oak Leaf clusters for "meritorious achievement . . . courage, coolness and skill . . ." while participating in his missions.

"We had our worst time on the bomb run over Dresden," Sgt. Dansro said. "We were hit twice by fighters, and the navigator was wounded. One engine was hit, and the plane was full of holes. We made it back to England and landed near the English coast, with no hydraulic system and only partial control."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Dansro of 259 Lincoln avenue, Rutland, he is a graduate of Rutland High school. Prior to entering the AAF in October, 1942, he was an apprentice machinist for the Rutland railroad. He attended airplane mechanics' school at Seymour Johnson field, North Carolina, and received his aerial gunnery wings at Las Vegas, Nev., in May, 1944.

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John A. "Jack" Davis (above), teacher and coach at Rutland High school for the past several years, left yesterday afternoon for Boston where he will enter specialized training as an ensign in the United States Navy. Mrs. Davis, a member of the office staff of The Herald, will stay in Rutland.

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Staff Sergt. Edward Doty, 32, whose wife lives at 52 Cherry street, is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doty, who lived in Rutland. Staff Sergt. Doty was born in this city and graduated from Rutland High school. He was 15 years in the Vermont National Guard and served two and one-half years in Hawaii before the outbreak of war.

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JANUARY 2, 1943.



Pvt. Robert D. Densmore of the Marine corps ordnance school and repair depot at Quantico, Va., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milan Densmore of East street. Since his enlistment here on September 24 he has earned ratings as "marksman" with rifle, bayonet, hand grenade and machine gun. He is a graduate of Rutland High school.



Pvt. Charles Dupre, formerly of 154 Jackson avenue, is stationed at Camp Bell Haven, Miami, Fla. He has been on duty in the Army Quartermaster corps for the past two months.

DFC Awarded Sgt. A. H. Dick, Flying in India

The Distinguished Flying cross has been awarded to Tech. Sergt. Arthur H. Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Dick of 143 Lincoln avenue, the headquarters of the 10th Air force in India has announced in a news release received here yesterday.



TECH. SERGT. ARTHUR H. DICK

Sergt. Dick, brother of Attorney Bernard Dick of this city, now attending officer candidate school at Ann Arbor, Mich., has previously been awarded the Air medal and the Good Conduct medal.

The citation for the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to the Army announcement read in part:

"For extraordinary achievement by participating in combat missions totaling more than 200 hours during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. These flights in which he has flown from bases in India, over Burma, Thailand and the Andaman islands, have been eminently successful.

"By diligent attention to duty and superior execution of his assignment as a member of a combat team in heavy bombardment aircraft, he has contributed much to the success of many missions. The operations in which he has flown constitute acts of extraordinary achievement and reflect the highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

Sergt. Dick entered the Army Air forces in June, 1942, and for the past seven months has been on duty in India as radio operator and gunner with the 10th Air force, Allied Eastern Air command. He is a graduate of Rutland High school and of Cornell university and before entering the service was a partner with his father in the Dick Dress Manufacturing company here.

Officer Candidate Bernard Dick, who entered the service a year ago, has recently received the Good Conduct medal.

Tech. Sgt. W. J. Dansro, Jr., Tells Of Skirmish in Air Over Dresden

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England (By Mail)—In a brush with the Luftwaffe, T/Sgt. William J. Dansro, jr., of RUTLAND, VT., found his B-17 Flying Fortress right in the thick of the fight, and after it was all over, had an exciting story to tell of the skirmish.

Sgt. Dansro, 21, who holds the Air medal and an Oak Leaf cluster to that medal, is a Fortress top turret gunner with the 385th Bombardment group, an Eighth Air force unit, commanded by Col. George Y. Jumper of Natoma, Cal. His group is part of the famous Third Air division, the division which has been cited by the president for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt airplane factories at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

"We were leading the Third Air division on a bombing attack against the marshalling yards at Dresden," related the young airman, "and we were just approaching the start of the bomb run when we heard over the radio that enemy fighters, 'bandits' as we term them, were in the area. The pilot alerted us against the attack. Then it came down to what our crew as an individual plane would do under the attack.

"Over the interphone," continued Sgt. Dansro, "we told the pilot that the Nazis were going to make a tail attack. The tail gunner gave the pilot the signal when the enemy started to close in for the attack and when the guns all started barking, the pilot and co-pilot used evasive action to make it harder for the fighters to get us lined up in their sights. Our Fortress shivered and groaned from the guns firing and all the maneuvering that was being done up in the cockpit.

"Twenty-millimeter shells from the German planes were flashing by our Fort as they came in and a few found their mark. Our hydraulic system was shot out, the right front oxygen system was punctured and one of our engines were knocked out. But we had taken our toll too, the tail gunner shooting down one Nazi and I set one afire as he came down over the tail. A check was made on our section and it

was found that enemy fighters shot down three of our Forts, there up in front of the formation were the fighters getting ready another attack. All the while were still streaming down the bomb run towards the marshalling yards at Dresden.

"All of a sudden, they were streaking in on us with their guns blazing and ours blazing right back at them. The navigator, who had been checking our position, started for his guns and was knocked the floor when a 20 millimeter shell burst near him, wounding him in the arm and side. He got up and started again for his guns, but another '20' knocked him down, fragments hitting him in the head and neck. He got up a third time, started forward again and for the third time went down, this time getting wounded in the leg. He just would not give up.

"The bombardier got a Focke-Wulf 190 in his sights and saw it explode before it got close enough to damage us. But we caught plenty on the second attack. Another engine was knocked out, the rudder shattered, radio set shot out and rudder, wings and windshield full of holes. But we were still on our way to the target and finally were over the marshalling yards and dropped our bombs. The enemy fighters were still in the sky and were just hanging around our formation, like a cat watching a mouse.

"Our Fortress was really battered after the two attacks but managed to remain airborne and get back to England, where we landed at a crash landing field near our home base. This is the end of the story and I hope I don't see another."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dansro, 259 Lincoln avenue, Rutland, Dansro graduated from Rutland High school. Prior to his entry to the Army Air forces in October 1942, he was employed as a machinist apprentice by the Rutland Iron road company here. Sgt. Dansro received his aerial gunnery wings at Las Vegas, Nev., in May, 1944.



Herald Photo.

"IT'S GOODBYE, MOTHER, UNTIL WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN," as S 1/c Thomas Dunn, 20, overseas veteran who left last night for South Boston, and S 2/c James Dunn, 18, who returns Wednesday to Sampson, N. Y., for reassignment, embrace their mother, Mrs. Thomas F. Dunn of South Main street. Thomas, who is of the quartermaster corps, has seen much service overseas and was on the destroyer which provided an escort for the late President Roosevelt.



Three of the four soldier sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale DeBlasio of 276 West street have met recently in northwest Africa, their parents have learned. The trio, shown above are (left to right) Sergt. Joseph DeBlasio, 25; Pfc. Dominic DeBlasio, 28; and Pvt. Anthony DeBlasio, 23. Mr. and Mrs. DeBlasio hope that should their boys reach Italy they will visit relatives in Naples. A fourth son in the service is Pvt. Louis DeBlasio, 20.



Leslie J. Durling, 19, and his 17-year-old brother, Raymond B. Durling, jr., (in center), are sworn in as United States Marines by Capt. Leland P. Bannister as their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Durling of 87 North Main street look proudly on. The elder Durling was a first sergeant in an Army combat outfit in the first World war. Both boys have "stuck together" through school and in their work during the past year when both have been machinists in the Fellows Gear Shaper plant in Springfield, where their father also is employed. Three younger brothers, Richard, 16, a student in Rutland High school, Kenneth, 14, and Robert, 9, are said to have their plans all made to join the Marines too, as soon as they're old enough.

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Glad to be back after nearly six months' internment in Jap prison camps is Carl J. Eskeline, Proctor native, shown with his daughter, Judith, 14, while on a visit to Rutland.

Carl Eskeline Back In Rutland After Six Months In Jap Prisons

Just back from nearly six months' internment in Japanese-run prisons in China, via the exchange liner Gripsholm, Carl J. Eskeline is in Rutland visiting friends here and in Proctor and beginning, he says, to "feel a little better fed."

For nearly 26 years Eskeline was an oil company representative in Tientsin, China. He met his wife, a California girl, while she was visiting China in the course of a world cruise. Except for their vacations in this country every three years he and his family have lived in Tientsin until, in 1940 the United States State department refused to let the family go back with him "because of the growing tension"—and he expressed thanks last night that they had been so warned.

"We had three years of experience with Japan's 'New Order' in Tientsin, which was overrun and became part of occupied China in 1937," Eskeline said. "I do not want to say much at this time about that or my own experience as an internee because of the folks that are still being held as Japanese prisoners.

"I'm here; and while I lost weight during my imprisonment I'm beginning to get it back on good American food."

The Japanese corralled all the American and British residents of Tientsin the day after the war started, Eskeline related, and imprisoned them, some in solitary confinement, others in pairs and some in large groups.

He himself spent a month and a half in "solitary." Later he was paired with an American undertaker in a small cell.

"It was that fellow's habit, when we first woke up in the morning, to ask me how I felt," Eskeline recalled. "When I said 'fine' he'd pull a fake sigh and groan: 'No business today, either.'"

Part of his imprisonment was in Tientsin and part in Peiping, Eskeline said, and there were numerous changes in the Jap officers and men assigned to guard them. There were some of the guard officers who were decent to the prisoners, he said with just a bit of emphasis on the "some."

In company with a group of diplomats, newspapermen, missionaries and businessmen, Eskeline was moved out of Shang-

hai on June 27 on the Italian liner Conte Verde, acting as an exchange vessel and accompanied by the Japanese Asama Maru on the same mission. At Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, they shifted to the Gripsholm for the voyage to New York while Japanese repatriates took their places on the other vessels for the return to the Far East.

Eskeline was born in Proctor and went to the public schools and the High school there. He went to Dartmouth college, graduating in 1916. While in High school and college he starred in basketball and baseball, being so good in the latter that the New York Giants were after his name on a contract at the time he signed up to go out to China for the oil company with which he has been identified until now.

He plans to retire from the company effective January 1.

On the trip home, Eskeline reported, there were about 10 Dartmouth graduates and informal reunions of the "Big Green" were held on shipboard.

His wife is at her home in California now, but Donald and Judith Eskeline, his son and daughter, came east to meet him on his arrival in New York and are with him now. Donald is to be a senior this year at Vermont academy, Saxtons River.

Eskeline plans to rest a month on his farm in Alstead, N. H., before going to California.

Jap Tough Foe, Col. Edson Writes From Guadalcanal

Marine Commander, Rutland Native, Tells Rev. Ballou, Chester, of Island Life.

"The Jap is a tough, rugged, and determined enemy," Col. Merritt A. Edson, Rutland native and now commander of a Marine corps unit battling in the Guadalcanal jungle, says in a letter to the Rev. William J. Ballou of Chester, where the Marine officer lived for many years.



COL. MERRITT A. EDSON.

Acknowledging a letter from the Rev. Ballou, the former Rutland resident says that it will be no easy task to defeat the ruthless Jap, but it is a task which will be eventually accomplished.

The text of the letter, dated December 12 from Guadalcanal, is as follows:

"Your welcome letter of September 24th reached me about 10 days ago. Between full days and complete black-outs each night which effectively eliminate the hours usually devoted to letter writing, this has been my first opportunity to acknowledge it.

I do not need to tell you that letters such as your's from friends back home are always appreciated. I hope that my efforts in this war will continue to warrant such letters, and, that I may never fail you, nor the several thousand men I may happen to command. The latter is a responsibility that I feel keenly and constantly.

The Jap is a tough, rugged, and determined enemy. He is also ruthless, cunning, and fanatically patriotic. It will be no easy task to show him where he belongs but it is a task which, sooner or later, will be successfully accomplished."

The Rev. Ballou, in forwarding the letter to The Herald, pointed out that a correspondent on Guadalcanal wrote recently: "Col. Edson is not a fierce Marine. In fact he appears almost shy. Yet Col. Edson is probably among the five finest combat commanders in all the United States armed forces.

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the Rev. Ballou comments, said of Guadalcanal after his rescue: "There I found a real hell-hole of mud and corruption. If only our people back home could know what those boys are doing for us and for future generations, I think we would take this war much more seriously."

Colonel Edson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Edson of Barre, Vermont. He attended the University of Vermont and entered the Marine service in 1917. He spent his boyhood in Chester and is a member of the Congregational church of which the Rev. Ballou is pastor, and of the Masonic lodge in Chester.

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Lt. Esposito Is Liberated

Rutlander, Missing Since Mar. 15, Freed by Russians in Germany.

1st Lt. Samuel Esposito, 27, of 147 Forest street, who was listed as missing in action over Germany on March 15, is alive and well after being liberated by the Russians from a Nazi prisoner of war camp at Barth, Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Esposito learned yesterday.



LT. SAMUEL ESPOSITO.

Mr. and Mrs. Esposito have contributed the services of five sons to the Allied cause in World War II. One of the five, Sgt. Eugene Esposito of the Army Air corps, is listed as "killed in action" in the Pacific area in December, 1942, and another, Sgt. Amalio Esposito, now convalescing at Camp Edwards, Mass., was wounded in action while serving as an anti-aircraft gunner in France last September.

Others in the armed forces from the Esposito family are Warrant Officer Francis Esposito, now stationed in Hawaii and Seaman 1/c Ralph Esposito, now at Norfolk, Va., after sea duty in the Atlantic.

A letter in Lt. Samuel Esposito's own handwriting brought the good news to his anxious family yesterday. It was the first word that they had received of him since he was listed as missing when the Flying Fortress on which he was navigator went down over Germany more than two months ago. He was serving with the Eighth Air force at the time. He added that Lt. Frank Hodor of State street, also a liberated prisoner, was with him, and that they were awaiting transportation to England.

After receiving the letter, the Espositos received a cablegram from Lt. Esposito in which he announced that he had arrived in France, "uninjured and well."

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Flyer Lost Over China

Lt. J. F. Evans, Husband of
Rutland Woman, Missing
Since Nov. 25.

For the second time within a month a telegram from the War department has been delivered to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Hodor of 214 State street with news of a man missing in action. Yesterday, Mrs. Irene Hodor Evans received notification that her husband, Lt. John F. Evans, was missing in action over China since November 25.

Last month, Mr. and Mrs. Hodor received word that their son, First Lt. Frank J. Hodor was missing in action October 22 over Holland.

Lt. Evans, of the famed Flying Tigers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Evans, sr., of Bristol, Pa., entered service in January, 1940. After receiving training at Waycross, Tex., he received his commission as lieutenant in June, 1943, at Mission, Tex., and went overseas in March, 1944. He has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action in China in August and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1942.



Lieut. Col. Merritt A. Edson, native of Rutland, shown above, is receiving much praise in the country's press and in the armed forces for his successful leading of the first wave of United States Marines in their attack on the Solomon Islands. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin A. Edson of Bartonsville, the officer attended the University of Vermont before entering the Marines in 1917.

Pvt. H. Emrick Returns to Duty On Italian Front

Pvt. Hugh F. Emrick, 19, who was wounded in hand-to-hand combat in Italy on June 26, has been discharged from a hospital in Italy, where he has been since that time and has returned to duty, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Emrick of 93 Library avenue, from the War department.



PVT. HUGH F. EMRICK.

Pvt. Emrick was slashed with a bayonet and the five gashes received in the arms, neck, right leg and back required between 26 and 28 stitches each, his mother stated. During the bitter hand-to-hand fighting Pvt. Emrick was also hit with mortar shell fragments.

Entering the service on September 20, 1943, when he was 18, Pvt. Emrick received his training at Camp Croft, S. C., and went overseas in March, 1944. He landed first in North Africa and from there went to Italy.

He has a brother, Pvt. Kenneth M. Emrick, in the Coast Artillery, who has been in the European theater of operations for several years.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 11, 1945.

Lt. Esposito Is Missing

Rutland Young Man, One of
Five Brothers Who Left
Home to Serve Country.

First Lt. Samuel F. Esposito, 27, navigator of a Flying Fortress, has been reported missing in action over Germany as of March 15, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Esposito of 147 Forest street, have been informed. The members of the family last heard from him on March 3.



LT. SAMUEL F. ESPOSITO.

Lt. Esposito holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Oak Leaf clusters to the Air medal. He was home last September on a 30-day furlough after completing 36 missions. He was then reassigned for overseas service and left to take up his new duties in October.

Lt. Esposito has had four brothers in service: Sgt. Eugene Esposito, who was killed in action in the Pacific in December, 1942; Sgt. Amalio Esposito, who was wounded in France; W/O Francis Esposito, USN, who is stationed in Hawaii; S1/c Ralph Esposito, who is at sea somewhere in the Atlantic.

Lt. Esposito is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy where he was outstanding in athletics. He received his navigator's wings at Mather field, Cal., in May, 1943.

Harry Ezzo Is Still Missing Despite Search

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Search for Harry Ezzo, 24, of River street continued without success over the week-end in the Lake Bomoseen area, where Ezzo is believed to have disappeared during an Armistice Day fishing trip.

Ezzo's brothers, Samuel and Joseph of this city and Dominic of Brooklyn, N. Y., who arrived here yesterday to aid in the search, revealed yesterday that they had learned their brother was honorably discharged from the Army Air corps in October.

State's Attorney Thomas F. Mangan on Saturday wired a Florida airfield where Ezzo was known to have been stationed, and in reply was told that the man had transferred to an air training center in Nashville, Tenn.

At Nashville the commanding officer, in reply to a query from Mangan, stated that Ezzo had been disqualified as an aviation cadet on October 9.

Ezzo's brothers searched the Lake Bomoseen shoreline yesterday. The rowboat which Ezzo had rented last Wednesday for a fishing trip was found on the northeast side of the lake Friday.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD, SATURDAY MORNING,

Marine Who Fought With Edson At Tulagi Full of Admiration

Stout admiration for the bravery of Brig. Gen. Merritt A. Edson of Washington and Chester, Vt., a native of Rutland, who led his famous Marine First Raider battalion in opening America's offensive against the Japs on Tulagi, was expressed by a platoon sergeant in the Marine corps who has arrived at the Marine barracks, naval supply depot at Mechanicsburg, Pa., where he was interviewed by Sgt. Dan Wettlin, jr., formerly of the Marine recruiting staff in this city.

The marine interviewed, Sgt. George P. Simon, jr., of Kane, Pa., stated that he enlisted in the Marines five years ago to "see the world." On August 7, 1942, he found himself a member of Edson's Raiders in the drive on Tulagi, and after a furious battle there moved over to Guadalcanal and fought in the epic battle of Bloody Ridge.

(who was then a colonel) during that Tulagi engagement," declared Simon in the interview. "An unusually rugged and brave marine, the general was even in front of the front lines during most of the fight, shooting a machinegun and throwing hand grenades like mad. The only time he wasn't fighting was when he was observing the course of the battle and giving orders that brought defeat to the Japs. Why he wasn't killed none of us will ever understand."

Gen. Edson was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his action in this battle. His mother, Mrs. Erwin Edson, lives in Chester.

According to Sgt. Wettlin, Sgt. Simon was wounded in both legs and right arm by shrapnel and machinegun fire, and has been hospitalized for more than a year. He is now back on duty at the supply station.

"I'll never forget Gen. Edson

NOVEMBER 20, 1944.

B. H. Frappier War Victim

Proctor Radioman, 19, in Service Two Months, Killed in Pacific.

PROCTOR, Nov. 19.—Aviation Radioman 3/c Benedict H. Frappier, son of Mrs. Arlond Tanner of Proctor, has been reported killed in the service of his country somewhere in the South Pacific.



BENEDICT FRAPPIER.

Radioman Frappier, 19, had been in service two years this month. He left in August for the South Pacific.

Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, Cpl. Victor Frappier and Robert Frappier; a sister, Mrs. Earle Derby; his step-father, Pvt. Arlond Tanner; six half-brothers and two half-sisters.

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Caught by the photographer as she was about to hug her dad after her arrival here by train yesterday is 1st Lt. Lily D. Fucci, the first Rutland nurse to go overseas with the United States Army Medical service. Also in the picture are her mother, Mrs. Christie Fucci of 70 River street, whose face is flushed with the excitement of seeing her daughter for the first time in 27 months, Mrs. Lewis Brousseau (right) of Middlebury, friend of the family, and Miss Fucci's nephew, Billy, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fucci. Lt. Fucci is home for 30 days after more than two years in the Southwest Pacific. She flew to the United States from Australia. As night supervisor of an air base hospital she received a citation last November for "untiring efforts and devotion to duty." She is a graduate of Rutland High school and of Bishop DeGoesbriand hospital in Burlington.



Malcolm G. Frost, radar technician with a carrier squadron, 12th Air force, who has just been made a sergeant, is shown at right with a buddy in a picture taken in front of the coliseum in Rome. Sgt. Frost is the son of Mrs. H. L. Frost and the late Dr. Frost of Pittsford.

Former Local Physician Hunting Disease on Bloody Iwo Island

Lt. Comdr. Henry J. Fregosi, 37, of Rutland and Proctor, a Navy malariologist with the U. S. Marines on Iwo, has found few disease bearing mosquitoes on that bloody little volcanic island, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fregosi of Proctor.

Lt. Comdr. Fregosi was one of the first practicing physicians in the Rutland area to enlist in the armed forces nearly five years ago.

News dispatches this week from the Marine field hospital at Iwo by correspondents covering the battle for that island quote the malariologist as declaring that Iwo, for all of its bloody battle scenes, is a healthful place for troops as far as disease is concerned. No diseases of any kind have been contracted there and flies have been kept to a minimum by a chemical spray on all possible breeding places. Lt. Comdr. Fregosi has found that mosquitoes are so rare that he had difficulty in obtaining specimens for analysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fregosi have another son, 1st Lt. Albert Fregosi, 26, in the service. He is a physician in the Army Air corps, serving in the Far East. Both men are former Proctor High school athletes. Lt. Comdr. Fregosi received his medical degree from Tufts college, and interned at Samaritan hospital, Troy, N. Y. While at Samaritan, he figured in a spectacular rescue of an injured man from a flaming oil tanker on the Hudson river. He has served at Marine hospitals in Virginia, Florida and California, and has been overseas since last September.

The news accounts from Iwo are the first word Mr. and Mrs. Fre-



LT. COMDR. H. S. FREGOSI

gosi have had from their son in several weeks. Mrs. Fregosi recently received a letter from a Marine officer, Maj. Leo A. Sweeney, who recently returned to Washington from the Pacific, stating that during his weeks with a Marine division he was closely associated with Dr. Fregosi. "He looks fine and enjoys his work. He is well-liked by everyone for his kindness and generosity," the letter said.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Fregosi were married in Proctor, Lt. Comdr. Fregosi was born while his mother was visiting at her former home in Carrara, Italy.

Rutland Survivor of B-17 Crash Still Surprised He Is Alive

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 23 (AP).—Ralph J. Fugatt of RUTLAND, VT., last of five men to parachute from a spinning B-17 bomber, still experiences a feeling of surprise every time he thinks about being alive.

"Another split second and it would have been too late to jump," said the sergeant, radio operator and gunner of the nine-man crew, after he reported here to AAF Redistribution Station No. 1.

Furthermore, added Fugatt, who spent five months as a prisoner of war, "the German civilians who picked me up showed every sign of wanting to kill me. I still don't understand why they didn't."

The trouble developed on the 26-year-old gunner's 20th mission—a raid to "Big B," Berlin, on December 5, 1944.

As the bombs were dropped the B-17 received four direct flak hits which knocked out two engines, shattered all instruments and damaged the control cables.

"With luck we might have made it home," said Fugatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeLoria, 14 Charles street, RUTLAND, "but about 40 miles northwest of Osnabruck we hit bad weather.

"Our pilot tried to go under it, but the strong winds kicked us around, our control cables snapped, and we went into a spin."

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Bataan 'Death March' and Jap
Prison Camps Topic of Ro-
tary Club Program.

Sgt. Andrews Ferguson, who survived the Bataan "Death March" and three years as a prisoner of the Japanese, spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Rutland Rotary club at which William B. Shangraw, Robert Branchaud and James O. Preston were inducted as members.

An Air corps ground crew member in the Philippines at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Sgt. Ferguson told of his experi-

ences and impressions of the "Death March." He likened it to a narrow dirt road stretching between Rutland and Burlington, on which large groups of Japanese troops were hurrying toward Corregidor while 10,000 American and 20,000 Filipino troops were being hurried to the rear.

In his opinion, Sgt. Ferguson said, the hardship was not caused by deliberate Japanese brutality as much as by the Japanese military needs, the exhausted condition of the American troops and the inability of many of the American and Filipino troops to understand what the Japanese wanted them to do. The march took him 10 days to complete and some others 14 days, Sgt. Ferguson said, and during that time no food was provided and the only water available was that found at nearby streams and wells.

Sgt. Ferguson was stationed for some time at Camp O'Donnell where conditions were very bad, he said, and then was transferred with a small group of enlisted men and a large group of officers to Formosa. The trip by boat was made under favorable conditions compared to what other prisoners suffered, he said, and the Formosa camp was modern and well-equipped. The work there was not heavy.

Later he was transferred to a work camp, Sgt. Ferguson said, where the men loaded rock on railroad cars. Before the end of the war the camp was demolished by American bombers, the Red Cross apparently not having been notified that it was a prison camp. Just before the occupation of Formosa by American troops many Americans were sent to work camps in the mountains. Sgt. Ferguson was not among them because of poor health. This probably saved his life, he said, as the conditions there were "very bad."

Most of the disciplinary measures, the speaker said, in his opinion were those any Army would take, and though they were severe were no more so than the Japanese would inflict on their own men. Basically, he said, the Japanese lacked the humanitarian characteristics which all Americans had in their backgrounds, regardless of religion. The Christian influences in the Japanese are lacking entirely, he said.

In some camps, he said, the Japanese were cleverly able to develop competition among the American prisoners, who unfortunately didn't seem able to organize themselves. It was a Japanese policy to separate enlisted men from officers in the belief that the enlisted men would lack initiative to organize. On the contrary, Sgt. Ferguson said, the enlisted men organized better after their officers were removed.

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Rutland Survivor of B-17 Crash Still Surprised He Is Alive

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 23 (AP).—Ralph J. Fugatt of RUTLAND, VT., last of five men to parachute from a spinning B-17 bomber, still experiences a feeling of surprise every time he thinks about being alive.

"Another split second and it would have been too late to jump," said the sergeant, radio operator and gunner of the nine-man crew, after he reported here to AAF Redistribution Station No. 1.

Furthermore, added Fugatt, who spent five months as a prisoner of war, "the German civilians who picked me up showed every sign of wanting to kill me. I still don't understand why they didn't."

The trouble developed on the 26-year-old gunner's 20th mission—a raid to "Big B," Berlin, on December 5, 1944.

As the bombs were dropped the B-17 received four direct flak hits which knocked out two engines, shattered all instruments and damaged the control cables.

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Cpl. 'Andy' Ferguson Liberated From Jap Prison, on Way Home

At least one of the Rutland boys who has been a prisoner of the Japs since the dark days of Bataan and Corregidor is safe and on his way home.

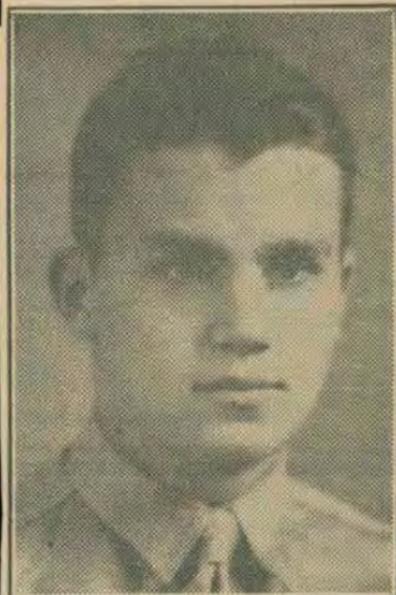
Cpl. Orra Andrews ("Andy") Ferguson, son of Mrs. Margaret Ferguson of 15 Madison street, was liberated September 6, according to a War department telegram his mother received yesterday morning.

adjutant general's office, said: "The secretary of war has asked me to inform you that your son, Cpl. Orra Andrews Ferguson, has been returned to military control 6 September, 1945, and is being returned to the United States within the near future.

"He will be given an opportunity to communicate with you upon arrival. Further report states that his physical condition is poor."

Cpl. Ferguson enlisted in the regular Army in September, 1940, and served in Hawaii, in the Engineer corps from June of 1941 until he volunteered for Philippine service, building and maintaining air bases. He was at Nichols field, near Manila, when the Japs raided it. The last "free" word he sent his mother was a cable from Manila the day before that city fell.

"Andy" graduated from Rutland High school in 1938 and attended Trinity college in Hartford, Conn., before enlisting.



CPL. "ANDY" FERGUSON

Taken prisoner at some time after the fall of Manila, Cpl. Ferguson was not heard from until January, 1943, when the Japanese, through the International Red Cross, reported him as their prisoner being held on Formosa. A few times since then, his mother has had cards from him, of the type permitted by the Jap military, but all were months in transit and the last, dated late in 1944, was received last spring.

Since then, nothing definite has been heard of him while his mother, alternately buoyed by reports of American advances and depressed by reports of enemy atrocities, mistreatment and placing of prisoner camps in war target areas, has waited for official word on his fate.

Yesterday's telegram, from the

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 1944.

Radioman F. R. Flood Back After 11 Months of Action in Pacific

Francis R. Flood, aviation radioman first class, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Flood of 100 South Main street, is home after 11 months of action in the Pacific. He has taken part in 28 separate strikes at the enemy, participating in the raid on Tarawa, the raid on Wake island, the occupation of Gilberts Mille islands, the raid on Kwajalein, the occupation of the Marshalls, and the raid on Palau.

Also the occupation of Hollandia, the raid on Truk, the occupation of the Marianas, including Saipan and Guam, as well as an attack on a Jap CV aircraft. Many of these places were struck many times by Flood's group, who hit Saipan and Guam five times each.

Flood, who has been awarded the Air Medal, is a member of Air Group 16 that shot down 150 Jap planes. To this Navy air group, the great battle for Saipan will be known as the "Mariana turkey shoot."

Japanese planes dropped so fast during the battle that some of the enemy aviators became panicky and parachuted from their planes before the Navy flyers could shoot them down, the groups officers reported upon returning to this country.

Ensign Albert, a member of the group found that the ornamental compass on a match box he carried was much more than an ornament. He shot down two Jap planes and then his ship's compass and radio went dead. Using the tiny compass on the match box, he navigated 250 miles back to his base. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross and participated in 25 strikes.

Almost every member of the air group has shot down some enemy planes or scored direct bomb hits on enemy ships and ground installations. All are agreed their success was due to team work, officers state.

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RADIOMAN F. R. FLOOD.

ating from Mount St. Joseph academy in 1942, received his boot training at Newport, R. I., and took a six-week course at the aviation radio school at Jacksonville, Fla. Before reporting for his first convoy duty to North Africa in May, 1943, Flood had a four-week course in aerial gunnery at Yellow Water, Fla.

While on Atlantic convoy duty, strafing German destroyers, his plane was hit by German flak and was forced down off the coast of France. Flood and two companions spent five hours kicking and thrashing around in the water to keep the hungry sharks away before they were picked up and taken to Trinidad.

In June, 1943, Flood left for the Pacific theater of war and he is home for the first time since then.

Pvt. Flanagan Rites Held

5/19/45

Hundreds Attend Funeral Services at St. Peter's Church for Rutland Flyer.

Hundreds of persons, including clergymen, military personnel, officials and student flyers at Rutland airport, former classmates and friends and relatives filled St. Peter's church to capacity at 10 o'clock yesterday morning when funeral services were held for Pvt. Raymond B. Flanagan, 24, who died Wednesday night at Lovell General hospital at Fort Devens, Mass.

Pvt. Flanagan, widely known as a flying instructor and as a musician, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Flanagan of 83 Meadow street.

The solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by a cousin, the Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan of Burlington, diocesan chancellor. The Rev. Lawrence W. Cain of Proctor was deacon and the Rev. William F. Crowley, superintendent of parochial schools for the diocese of Burlington, was sub deacon. The Rev. James B. Murray was master of ceremonies.

Present in the sanctuary during the mass were the Rev. Thomas H. Connor of Wallingford, the Rev. Walter F. Miller of East Dorset, the Rev. M. E. Costello of Bristol, the Rev. Harold Barrett of Richford, the Rev. William D. Dignan of Montgomery Center, the Rev. James Horan of Northfield, the Rev. J. H. McCarihy of Pittsford and the Rev. Joseph P. Carrigan, the Rev. J. M. Kennedy, the Rev. J. M. Brown and the Rev. Michael A. Demasi of Rutland. Also present was the Rev. John Daley, CSA, pastor of St. Augustine's church in Troy, N. Y., where Pvt. Flanagan was church organist at the time he enlisted in the Army.

Pvt. Flanagan's oldest brother, Capt. Francis Flanagan, Vermont priest, now serving as chaplain with U. S. Armed forces in Germany, was unable to be present.

The entire student bodies of Mount St. Joseph academy and St. Peter's school attended the services, and sung the mass. The soloist was James F. Farrell and George Tousignant was organist.

The bearers, all former classmates of Pvt. Flanagan at Mount St. Joseph's, were James L. Canary, Pasquale A. Ross, Joseph M. Pillon, Louis Altobell, James J. Reardon and Robert Carbonneau.

In the guard of honor which formed in front of the church were officials of Rutland Airport, inc., flyers from the Rutland Airport, who had received instruction from Pvt. Flanagan, Lt. Walter Manley, representing Gov. Mortimer R. Proctor and Company A, Vermont State Guard. Also in the guard of honor were a large number of boy students of Mount St. Joseph's academy, who were in the cast of the last minstrel show presented by the school, for which Pvt. Flanagan was piano accompanist.

Out-of-town persons attending the services were Sgt. William Hart of Fort Devens, Mass., who escorted the body of the Rutland serviceman to this city; two brothers, Pvt. Richard Flanagan of the Army Air corps, Yuma, Ariz., and Joseph B. Flanagan of Lake Charles, La.; Mrs. Winnie F. Bowen and Miss Bessie Driscoll of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Nellie Egan, Michael Hickey, John Egan and Miss Mildred Egan, Miss Margaret Grupe and Henry Grupe of Greenfield, Mass.; Mrs. Alice O'Halloran and Miss Eleanor O'Halloran of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Katherine Dwyer and Miss Gertrude Dwyer, Miss Mary Hughes, James Fane and Martha Mershon of Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Peggy Scanlon and Lt. Hannah Rubazewicz of Fort Devens, Mass.

A profusion of floral and spiritual tributes was received by the family. Among them were set pieces from Rutland Airport, inc.; former student pilots at Rutland airport; Auxillary to Rutland county chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ward 116, Lovell General hospital; relatives, friends and neighbors.

Father Flanagan conducted the committal service at Calvary cemetery. He was assisted by a number of clergy. Military honors were accorded at the grave by the Vermont State Guard. Sgt. Everett G. Utley was in charge of the Company A firing squad composed of Sgt. Ray Cheney, Cpl. Ralph Heath,

Pfc. Albert Klicik and Pfc. Paul Belock, David Claypoole, bugler, sounded taps.

Pvt. Flanagan, Flyer, Dies

Rutland Young Man, Once
Organist at St. Peter's, Suc-
cumbs at Devens.

News of the death of Pvt. Raymond B. Flanagan, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Flanagan of 83 Meadow street, Wednesday night at Lovell General hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., after an illness of three months, was received by relatives and friends in this city yesterday.



PVT. RAYMOND B. FLANAGAN.

Pvt. Flanagan was widely known as a musician and as a flying instructor. His mother and his brother, Pvt. Richard J. Flanagan of the Army Air corps, who flew east from Yuma Army airfield, were with him at the time of his death.

The body will arrive in this city by train, with military escort, shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be taken to the Clifford Funeral home. At 4 o'clock the body of the Rutland serviceman will be moved to his home on Meadow street. Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's church. Internment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Pvt. Flanagan was a native of Rutland and was graduated from Mount St. Joseph's academy in 1938. He studied organ and music instruction at McGill university in Montreal. He was organist at St. Peter's church, and at the time of his enlistment in the Army Air corps reserves in 1942 was organist and choirmaster at St. Augustine's church in Troy, N. Y.

Pvt. Flanagan took his pilot training course at Middlebury college and at St. Anslem's college in Manchester, N. H. He completed his training at Altoona, Pa. During the 14 months he was instructor of aviation cadets at Grove City college, Grove City, Pa., he trained hundreds of Army and Navy young men. He returned home last

May, having been selected on the Army inactive list awaiting further call to duty. He became flight instructor at the Rutland airport, when operations opened there in September, and was well known to scores of civilian flyers in this area.

Pvt. Flanagan was recalled to Army service on January 19, and was awaiting transfer from the infantry to the Air corps at the time he became ill. He was transferred to Lovell General hospital as a patient where he remained until the time of his death.

Besides his parents, Pvt. Flanagan is survived by three brothers, Capt. Francis B. Flanagan, Vermont priest serving as chaplain with an engineer regiment of the Seventh army in Germany; Joseph F. Flanagan, a chemist at a war plant at Lake Charles, La., and Pvt. Richard Flanagan of Yuma Air Field, Ariz. He also leaves a niece, Marcia and a nephew, Shaun, of Lake Charles, La.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1945.

German Shell Upsets 'Chow,' Angers Cpl. Fay

A German shell scored a bull's-eye recently on an American "chow" truck headed toward a crew of hungry Army engineers working on a bridge down the street, according to a delayed Associated Press dispatch. Spilled over the intersection were big cauldrons of steaming "hot dogs," lima beans, breaded tomatoes, coffee and buttered bread.



CPL. FRANK FAY.

"It makes me madder 'n hell," said Cpl. Frank Fay, whose wife and sons live on Chestnut avenue. "I spent a lot of time fixing that stuff and now look at it!"

Cpl. Fay, 32, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fay of Winsted, Conn. Before entering service in May, 1943, he was a bus driver for the Rutland Bus company. After training at Camp McCain, Miss., he went overseas in July, 1944.

For wounds received in September, 1944, Cpl. Fay was awarded the Purple Heart medal but he is now back with the Combat Engineers of the Third army.

In a recent letter to his wife he said he hoped to get home for some fishing or possibly some hunting in the fall.

Pfc. Thomas Fox

Although Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Fox of Pleasant street received a card recently from their son, Pfc. Thomas J. Fox, a prisoner of the Japanese since May, 1942, saying that he was well and happy, their anxiety over his safety has not been lessened, because the card was mailed from "Military Prison Camp No. 1, Philippine Islands," from which Pfc. Fox was transferred early last winter, according to information received from the War department. Pfc. Fox is believed to have been interned at a prison camp on Honshu for almost a year, and nothing has been heard from him since he was sent there.

Pfc. Fox enlisted in the Air corps on November 23, 1940. He arrived in the Philippines a few days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and his parents had no word of him until he was officially listed as "missing in action" in October, 1942. In June, 1943, they were informed by the International Red Cross that he was a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine islands. Later it was learned that he was transferred to a prisoner of war camp on the island of Honshu, on which Tokio is located.

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Pvt. L. J. Fucci Hurt in Action Fighting Nazis

Pvt. Louis J. Fucci, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christie Fucci of 70 River street, was wounded in action, January 20, in Germany, according to word received by his parents from the War department.



PVT. LOUIS J. FUCCI.

Pvt. Fucci, an honor student at Mount St. Joseph academy was in his third year at Northeastern university when he entered the service in June, 1943. Pvt. Fucci, who went overseas in August, 1944, has a brother, Pfc. Joseph, who is now in Germany, having been overseas about three years; a sister, Lt. Lily Whittle of the Army Nurses' corps, stationed in Hot Springs, Ark.; and a brother, Ronald, who has recently received an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

NOVEMBER 9, 1944.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Forro of Proctor have received word that their son, George F. Forro (above) is now a captain at the Kingman Army Air field, Arizona. Capt. Forro was commissioned a second lieutenant on October 28, 1942, following his graduation from Officer's Candidate school in Miami, Fla.

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MONDAY MORNING, JAN

Pfc. M. Frac Is Missing, Army Reports

Two and one-half months after he left the United States for service in the European theater with an infantry regiment, Pfc. Michael Frac, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frac of Highland avenue, West Rutland, has been reported missing in action. His parents were notified Saturday by the War department that he was unaccounted for after he had participated in an engagement in Germany on December 21.

Pfc. Frac entered the service on March 26, 1944, and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., going from there to England. He was educated at St. Stanislaus parochial school and graduated from West Rutland High school and, at the time he entered the Army, he was employed by the Rockwell corporation at Plainville, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frac have one other son in service, Cpl. Louis Frac, who is stationed in New Guinea.



Pfc. Arnold Franzoni (above) is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Franzoni of 126 Pearl street. He is stationed at Duncan Field, Tex. The young soldier is a graduate of Parks Air college, East St. Louis, Ill., and has completed a course at the Pan-American Airlines Instrument school at Brownsville, Tex. He enlisted nine months ago.

5/4/45

RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



While his mother, Mrs. Rachael Fredette of Pine street, was a patient in the Rutland hospital recently, Radarman 3/c Earl Fredette received overseas orders and had to leave this country for the South Pacific war theater. This week she was able to return to her home. The family has not heard from Earl at his new station yet.



The Bronze star for meritorious achievement in action against the Japanese on Luzon has been awarded to T/Cpl. Donald E. Foster, 21, of Killington avenue, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Foster, have been informed in a personal letter from Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing, commanding general of the 43d division. (T/Cpl. Foster with his mother, in a scene at the Rutland Railroad station when Company A left for active service in March, 1941, were featured in a Herald news photograph by Don Guy, entitled, "Good Bye Mom," which won National Photographic honors.)

12/10/42

RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Mrs. Fred A. Field, jr., of East Center street has received word that her son, Fred A. Field, 3d, United States Navy, has been promoted to the rating of quartermaster, third class. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on October 14, 1941, as seaman, second class, and has had two advancements, one in April, as first class seaman and the present one which makes him a petty officer. Field, a native of Rutland and a graduate of Phillips Andover academy, is on duty aboard a ship in the First Naval district. A quartermaster in the Navy acts as navigator.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1946.



Pfc. Louis A. Fox is home with the First Army Combat engineers, having seen service in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He has returned to Rutland and is with his mother, Mrs. Mary Lanzillo of Lafayette street.

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TLAND DAILY HERALD,



Cpl. Lester F. Farrell, who has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action in the Southwest Pacific theater, is shown at the South Pacific rear base where he was recovering. The former New York attorney is a graduate of the Boston University Law school. His wife, Dorothy B. Farrell, is at her home on 21 Cotta

**PVT. JOSEPH O. GILES
SENDS MEDAL HOME.**

4/21/45

Pvt. Joseph O. Giles, who is with the infantry in Italy, has sent the Army Good Conduct medal home to his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Giles of Curtis avenue. He entered the service in March, 1945, and went overseas in July the following year, being stationed in England and France before going into Italy.

Aug 11-1942



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grover of Jackson avenue have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Howard W. Grover, who is stationed on an island somewhere in the Pacific. The young soldier is shown "gassing up" a toy car while on a furlough in this city some time ago. In his letter home, Grover reports that he is well and working hard, and receives mail and packages sent by his mother. This is the first word from the youth since late last winter. Grover attended Rutland High school and served a year in the Coast Guard before he enlisted in the Army last year.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1945.



S/Sgt. George W. Gragen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gragen of Woodstock avenue, has returned to Lovell General hospital at Fort Devens, Mass., after spending his first three-day pass at home since he arrived back in this country in February. Sgt. Gragen received serious body wounds in Normandy in August of last year and was hospitalized for several months in England, where he underwent five operations. Three other members of the family are in service, Frances Gragen of the Army Nurse corps, S/Sgt. Raymond J. Gragen of the Air corps, who is stationed in Florida, and S2/c Robert Gragen of the Navy.

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ATLANTA DAILY HERALD,



Above is Lieut. Frances M. Gragen, who has been stationed at a United States Army hospital, "somewhere in Hawaii." She is recovering from a severe back injury sustained in a fall early in July, according to information in a letter which she wrote recently to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gragen of Woodstock avenue. Lieut. Gragen enlisted September 21, 1941. She has two sisters who are nurses in this city, Mrs. Virginia Willis and Miss Audrey Gragen.

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Above is Corp. Thomas A. Griffiths, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierce Griffiths of Poultney, who has returned to Fort Bragg, N. C., to resume his duties as head bugler after visiting his parents.

9/11/42

Gabco Heads Navy Office

Gibson Avenue Resident, a Veteran of Submarine Service, New District Chief.

Chief Machinists Mate Michael Gabco of Gibson avenue, a member of the staff of the United States Navy Recruiting office in the Federal building for the past three and a half years has been assigned as officer in charge of the recruiting district it was announced yesterday. He takes over the duties of Chief Signalman Fred Harnig, who has been transferred to Montpelier, where a new recruiting station has been opened in the Postoffice building.



MICHAEL GABCO.

Recruiting Officer Gabco, who served aboard submarines for 17 of more than 20 years in the naval service, was promoted to the rank of chief machinists mate, the highest obtainable rating in the enlisted branches, last April. He volunteered for submarine duty last winter. He came to Rutland as assistant to Chief Navigator Kenneth Alexander, and served with his successor, Elisha Johnson, who was recently promoted to ensign. Both Alexander and Johnson were recalled to sea duty.

Gabco returned Monday from Chicago, where he was one of a group of officers which acted as escort to nine coaches of naval recruits who went to the Great Lakes Training Station at North Chicago, Ill., from Springfield, Mass.

The naval recruiting staff indicated yesterday that a clarification of rules showing that young men may enlist in the Navy up to the day of actual induction after they have been classified by their draft boards, has resulted in an influx of applications for enlistment during the past few days.

Eight men left yesterday for Springfield, Mass., for final examinations before their enlistment in the naval forces are completed. They are: Michael Grazziano, 36, husband of Mrs. Charlotte Grazziano of Poultney; Leo John Fournier, 23, son of Mrs. Aurelie Fournier of Graniteville; Alfred Duncan Mackie, 23, son of Mrs. Margaret M. Mackie of Websterville; Charles Warren Gordon, 21, son of Mrs. Gladys Gordon of Springfield; Leonard Anthony MacDonald, 20, son of Martin L. MacDonald of Ludlow; Elmer Ellsworth Baker, 19, son of Winfred E. Baker of Ludlow; Ora A. Valley, 18, son of Alden F. Valley of Wells River and Paul V. Anoe, 41, husband of Mrs. Viola Anoe of Proctor, who enlisted in a construction regiment.

Four of Gallagher Family's Five Servicemen Due at Christmas

An elderly Rutland couple, five of whose nine sons have been in service in this war, will have four of the five home for Christmas, they have learned. Most of the boys have served overseas and have not been home in a long time.

Three other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher of Harrington avenue will attend the reunion at their home where their parents have been living alone. "It's the first real family reunion we ever had," the father said.

The sons in service of the Gallaghers had not planned the reunion and do not yet know that there will be one. They have been well scattered over the globe. Some of them haven't seen each other since the war started.

The reunion will be carried out in spite of ill health. Several of the family have been casualties, or become ill, and both Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher are in poor health.

The most unexpected word came from Joseph, 37, of the SeaBees whose outfit has just landed in this country after service in Italy and France for rest and furlough before reporting on the West coast. Another son, Charles, 29, who left with the National Guard Medical company of Wallingford and spent 30

months in the South Pacific, will come from the hospital in Camp Dix. Charles has a jungle illness, but wrote he would get home "if he had to come on a stretcher."

Bobby, 25, left Rutland with old Company A, was on the Coolidge when she sunk and received a crushed chest when a tank tipped over on him in the South Pacific area. Now doing light duty at a hospital in Mississippi, after many months in American hospitals, he will be home for the holidays. Edward, 39, who has just been discharged from the Air corps, is still in government service at Elgin Field, Fla.

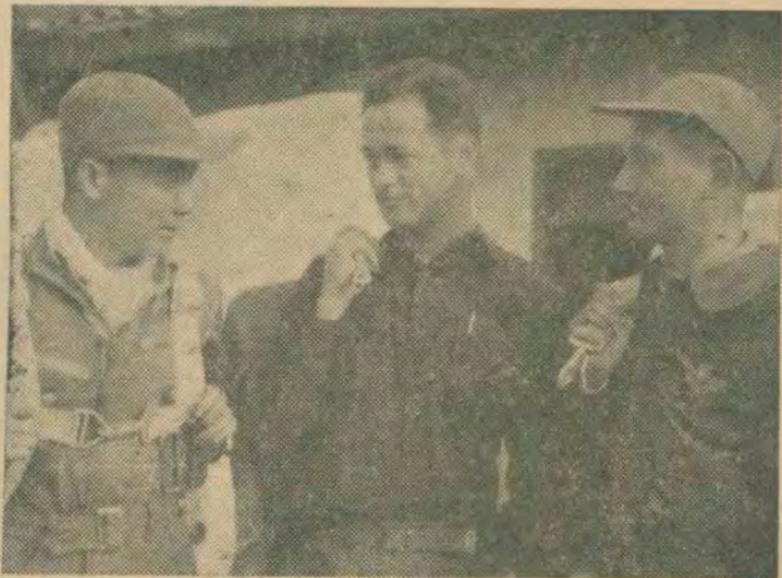
Unable to get home will be James, 30, a parachutist, serving in Europe.

The Gallagher family, father to son, has put in a good many years of military service. The father served in the Philippine insurrection from 1899-1901, and saw much combat service. Two years ago he received a total disability certificate from government hospitals. Several of the older sons served long "hitches" in the regular Army and saw service in the First World War. Aside from war disabilities, and the present ill health of Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, there has never been an illness in the family.

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Aviation Cadet Robert K. Graham, formerly of Elm street, whose father is William R. Graham of Lincoln avenue, is shown with his wife at a Mississippi airfield. Mrs. Graham was Miss Shirley Terry of Geno avenue. Cadet Graham is now taking advanced flight training at Nashville, Tenn. In a letter to a friend in this city, he remarks that the Army has shifted him around so much his mail is always several weeks late when it catches up with him. He says, however, "the more I travel the more I want to see of the country." Before enlisting the Rutland man, who graduated from Rutland High school in 1940, was employed at the Howe Scale company. He expects to be transferred to a California air base shortly.



Capt. Walter W. Griffin, jr., son of Mrs. Hattie V. Griffin of 191 Grove street, pauses for a last-minute briefing with two Chinese Air force pilots whom he will lead on a mission against the Japanese in China, according to the caption sent with this picture from an Army Air base in China. Capt. Griffin is commanding officer of a fighter squadron in the 14th Air force's hard-hitting Chinese-American Composite wing. The wing is made up of both Chinese and American personnel and has compiled an outstanding record, the headquarters statement says. Capt. Griffin entered the army February 11, 1941, and went overseas in September of 1944. He was a student at Cornell university when he entered the service, and is a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



AOM 1/c John B. Guinness (left, above) has returned to Rutland following his discharge from the Navy. He had been stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., after serving 20 months in the Pacific area. Shown with him is his brother, Pvt. William J. Guinness, whose wife and two young sons, Francis and William, live on North Main street. Pvt. Guinness is with the 42d division, stationed at Krimml, Austria. John Guinness entered the Navy in August, 1942, and his brother entered the Army in August, 1944.

Navy Man "Missing"

Charles Henrichon, 30, Son of
P. O. Clerk, Had Been on
Destroyer in Pacific.

Word that Charles Henrichon, 30, carpenters mate, 1st class, U. S. N., is "missing in action in the performance of his duty" was received in a telegram from Navy headquarters in Washington by his father, George N. Henrichon of 124 Crescent street.



CHARLES HENRICHON.

The notice was addressed to the young man's wife and was forwarded to her at Huntington Park, Cal., where she has been living while her husband was on duty aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific area. They had been married for 10 months.

Henrichon enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduating from Rutland High school eight years ago, and had been on the same ship for four years. His most recent visit to Rutland was a year ago while on furlough. His wife lived in this city for three months. The last letter received by his family, a brief "V-mail" letter, arrived last October.

Henrichon, who transferred from a battleship to a destroyer about four years ago, had been all over the world many times, his family relates. During the first three years of his service he was stationed at a naval base in Alaska. His stories of travels, before the Navy imposed censorship, were always interesting, his family recalls.

He was born in Rutland in 1912 and was active in dramatics at Rutland High school. His father is a clerk at the Rutland post office. He has a sister, Miss Marie Henrichon, who lives with their father, and a brother, Harry E. Henrichon of Lincoln avenue who has one son, Robert.

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RUTLAND

Rutlander Writes From Newly Captured Fortress in Germany

From the bowels of mighty Nazi fortifications "somewhere in Germany," captured in a recent Allied drive on the western front, Capt. Otis C. Hewett of Rutland writes to friends in the city of the bitter fighting on the "holy soil" of the Reich.

In a letter dated September 17 Capt. Hewett says:

"Our command post is in a concrete pillbox which we took away from the Germans yesterday. Just before we moved up here we were back on high ground and I could see a little village all on fire. The artillery shells were really dropping into it and after a while the enemy pulled out. They just couldn't stand it and I don't blame them for pulling out. It is a tough proposition to be on the receiving end when those big shells come busting down."

Shells tore big holes in the surrounding forest, Capt. Hewett said, and trees were scarred by flying shrapnel for 100 yards in every direction. Had the Germans elected to defend the position which was later used as the American command post, they would have had to be blasted out with dynamite, utterly ruining the entire emplacement, he wrote. But they chose to retreat instead and the strongpoint was taken intact.

Admitting to a very peculiar sensation when he first entered a pillbox, Capt. Hewett described the emplacement thus:

"They are made of heavy steel and thick concrete and have tons of earth above and around them. From a distance they look exactly like a normal hill or mound with grass, vines and even trees growing on top of them. They even have circulation systems for air conditioning and purification of air during gas attacks."

Mountain streams in Germany abound with fine brown trout, he



CAPT. OTIS C. HEWETT.

said, and a friend caught several fine specimens. He added, somewhat regretfully, that he had not been able to get in any fishing himself, but was consoled by the thought that he would rather wait and really concentrate on fishing some special spots he knows of back home in Vermont.

The incessant artillery fire leads to a fatalistic attitude on the part of the men regarding their chance of survival, Hewett said.

"When you get up from a spot and walk over to the kitchen for coffee and return to find a big hole where you were sitting a short time before or your field bag riddled with shell splinters. . . . you get to feeling that way."

Capt. Hewett, who was employed by the F. B. Howard company before entering the service, enlisted in Co. A of the National Guard while attending Rutland High school, of which he is a graduate. He entered the United States Army in March, 1941, with the Guard.

Sapt. Hewett's wife lives at 47 Lincoln avenue.

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1942



Above is shown Capt. James Harold Howard, son of P. J. Howard of Allen street, who is now stationed with a medical unit in Australia. Before being called to duty a year ago Capt. Howard practiced medicine in Pittsfield, Mass. He is a graduate of Rutland High school and the Medical college of the University of Vermont. News of his safe arrival was contained in a cable to his father. Capt. Howard was recently promoted, only one bar showing on his shoulder in this photo.

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Lt. F. J. Hodor Missing Since Holland Flight

First Lt. Frank J. Hodor, 25, has been missing in action since October 22, over Holland, according to a telegram received Saturday from the War department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Hodor of 214 State street.



LT. FRANK J. HODOR.

Lt. Hodor, who recently wrote home of his transfer from a B-17 to a Mustang fighter, is a member of the Eighth Air force. The pilot, who was home in June after completing 36 bombing attacks on enemy Europe, received his commission from an advanced flying school at Spence Army Field, Ga.

A graduate of Rutland High school in 1936, he entered service January 6, 1940. He wears the Air medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.

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E. E. Hinds, Jr., Wins Honors At Clark School

Edward E. Hinds, jr., 18, who was graduated with honors from Clark school at Hanover, N. H., on May 25, is visiting his father, Dr. E. E. Hinds of Belmont avenue and his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Powers of North Main street.



EDWARD E. HINDS, JR.

He has been awarded the Bausch and Lomb science medal, and science scholarships to the University of Rochester, N. Y. The medal award is made at graduation to the student of the school who in the faculty's estimation has shown the greatest progress during his high school career. This student automatically becomes eligible to apply for one of five annual scholarships to the University of Rochester.

Hinds, who gave the senior address at the commencement exercises, attended Rutland High school in his freshman year and was graduated from Middlebury High school last year. He was voted the best athlete in Clark school during the year; played quarterback on the football team, was basketball captain, a member of the student council and business manager of the year book. He volunteered for service in the U. S. Army Air corps reserves in January, 1944, and on May 16 of this year was given a medical discharge.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 29, 1944.

Lt. H. Hillman Missing Over Yugoslavia

First Lt. Harold Q. Hillman, USA, who is the husband of Mrs. Suzanne Woodfin Hillman of this city, is missing in action, Mrs. Hillman was informed yesterday by the War department. The young Army aviator, attached to the 15th Air force, has not been heard from since he was on a mission over Yugoslavia on June 13.



LT. H. Q. HILLMAN.

Lt. Hillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hillman of Hanover, N. H., was a member of the 1940 Olympic ski team and was prominent in athletics at Dartmouth college where he studied after attending Clark school at Hanover.

He entered Army service in July, 1941, and married the former Miss Woodfin at San Antonio, Tex., on March 8, 1942, going overseas last February. Prior to going abroad, he was Air corps instructor at Perrin Field, Sherman, Tex.

Mrs. Hillman is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Woodfin, 47 Pleasant street.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,

Pvt. Hoag Is Prisoner

Rutland Youth, Earlier Listed
as Missing, Writes to Parents
From Germany.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoag of 44 Bellevue avenue was the scene of much jubilation yesterday when the mailman brought them a personal card from their 20-year-old son, Pvt. John Hoag, who was reported by the War department as "missing in action" in Luxembourg on December 21.

The card, in Pvt. Hoag's handwriting, stated that he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Pvt. Hoag enlisted in the service two years ago last month. He is a graduate of Rutland High school, class of 1942.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrington of the Rutland farms on South Main street extension have received a Purple Heart awarded to their son, Ph. M. 2/c Robert N. Harrington, USMC, shown above, who was wounded last March on Iwo Jima when he was running across an open stretch of field to assist a wounded man. He is now stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian islands.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3, 1944.



Pfc. Charles E. Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Healy of 72 Forest street, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action while serving with the 88th Infantry division on the Fifth army front in Italy. Pfc. Healy, who was wounded on July 17, distinguished himself during the division's drive northward from Rome, according to an announcement from the Fifth army in Italy.

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Capt. Otis C. Hewett, a former member of the Vermont National Guard, is on duty at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. He was a second lieutenant in the guard and was formerly employed as a watchmaker by the F. B. Howard company. Capt. and Mrs. Hewett recently spent a 10-day leave in Rutland.

July 1944

Pvt. C. E. Healy Wounded July 17 On Italian Front

Pvt. Charles E. Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Healy of Forest street, was wounded in action in Italy on July 17, according to word received yesterday by his parents from the War department.



PVT. CHARLES E. HEALY.

Further details were provided by a letter from Pvt. Healy, written after he was wounded and received yesterday by his parents. He was struck in the hip by a shell fragment, the letter stated, but he is now recovering, apparently with no complications in sight. Fragments from the same shell, the letter said, killed Pvt. Healy's superior officer and put three of his buddies in the hospital.

Pvt. Healy has been in Italy about 11 months and has spent much of that time as an instructor in an Army school for mountain climbing. A 1942 graduate of Rutland High school, he entered the service in March, 1943.

News of Service Men, Women

SGT. JOHN GOMEZ NOW BACK IN CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Margaret Gomez of Crescent street has received word that her son, Sgt. John Gomez of the Medical corps, Army transport service who has participated in the invasions of the Marshalls, the Gilbert and the Mariana islands, has arrived in California. Sgt. Gomez has been in the service for four years. He was well known here several years ago as a stunt parachute jumper.

LT. FRANK J. HODOR NOW MUSTANG PILOT.

First Lt. Frank J. Hodor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hodor of 21 State street, who was previously piloting a B-17, is now flying a Mustang with the Eighth Air force in Italy, according to a letter received by his family. Lt. Hodor, who was home in June after completing 3 missions, entered the service in June, 1940, receiving his commission at Spence Field, Ga. He first went overseas in November, 1943.

PFC. NELSON W. YOUNG NOW IN ENGLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson P. Young of the Gleason road have received word that their son, Pfc. Nelson W. Young, has arrived in England. Pfc. Young had been stationed in Trinidad two years before coming home on furlough and reporting again for service in England. Another son, Donald Young, Navy coxswain recently returned to Norfolk, Va. after visiting here with his bride. He had taken part in the northern and southern invasions of France before receiving a leave. He is in Norfolk waiting a further assignment.

HOWARD A. SABIN EARNS NAVY PROMOTION.

Howard A. Sabin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sabin of 46 Sun



Herald Photo.

High school senior class officers. daughter of Mrs. Howard Stone of Catherine, daughter of Professor and the boys are: Victor, son of Mr. and and George, son of Professor and

Democratic Headquarters
To Be Opened in Ludlow

Navy Awards Medal to W. Hayes 29 Years After Act of Heroism

William P. Hayes of 17½ Cottage street has just received the Navy and Marine Corps medal, awarded him in recognition of his heroism in saving a man's life in Cordova, Alaska, nearly 29 years ago, when he was an electrician second class, in the United States Navy.



WILLIAM P. HAYES

At that time, October 30, 1916, he received a letter of commendation signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, then acting secretary of the Navy. He has now received the medal for heroism which has been sent to him by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, head of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Hayes explained, in telling about the medal, that it is now being sent to holders of letters of commendation similar to the one given him at that time.

Hayes and V. G. Hicks, yeoman

second class, were returning to the station launch which was anchored some four miles west of the Cordova radio station, when their small boat filled with water and capsized. Both men were heavily clad, and Hayes, without thought for his own safety, stayed with Hicks, who could not swim much, until both men managed to reach the beach, the citation stated.

The Rutland man entered the Navy August 13, 1913, and was transferred to fleet naval reserve May 15, 1933. On May 15, 1943, he was placed on the retired list with a rating as chief radio man. During his 30 years in the Navy, he saw service in Alaska, Guam, naval headquarters of the 13th Naval district in Seattle, 12th Naval district in San Francisco, had six years on the U. S. S. Mississippi, three years on the U. S. S. Idaho, and duty in China, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Canal Zone, and the West Indies. Besides the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism, he has received the Good Conduct medal and the World I Victory medal.

He is presently employed as assistant agent at the D. & H. station in West Rutland. He and his wife make their home on Cottage street.

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ATLANTIC DAILY HERALD, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1945.



Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Holden of 138 Church street, who have all seen combat action in World War II, are left to right, Lt. Comdr. Harry Holden, now stationed at the Naval base at Newport, R. I., after participating in several battles in the Pacific; Lt. Comdr. Richard Holden, commander of a submarine in Pacific waters; and Maj. Raymond Holden, who is now with the Occupational Air forces in Austria.

LAND DAILY HERALD, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1944.



The three sons of Patrick J. Howard of 72 Allen street are all on overseas duty, one in the Army and two in the Navy. Capt. James Harold Howard, shown above at left, enlisted in the service in January of 1941 and for the past two and a half years has been stationed in the South Pacific area. Before entering service, Capt. Howard practiced medicine in Pittsfield, Mass. His wife and son reside with her parents in Maine. Lieut. Sam W. Howard of the U. S. N. R., (center) who has been serving in the Navy for the past two years, is on sea duty and at present is in the South Pacific area. Before entering service, he practised medicine in St. Albans. He is married and has one son. Both Capt. and Lieut. Howard are graduates of the University of Vermont. Shown at right is Paul R. Howard, seaman first class, who enlisted in the Navy in April of 1943. He is at present in Great Britain. Seaman Howard graduated from Rutland High school in 1934 and prior to entering service was employed as assistant manager at the Empire market.

Wounded, Pfc Healy Writes To His Parents—To Cheer Them Up

Twenty-year-old Pfc. Charles E. Healy, participant in four major battles with the U. S. infantry in Italy, twice wounded in combat and holder of awards for bravery, is to have his left foot amputated as a result of sharpnel wounds received in action on September 25, he was informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Healy of 72 Forest street, in a letter received over the week-end.

Writing from a military hospital in Italy, the young soldier said, "This is the letter I have been putting off * * * you kids please bear up under this now. They will fix me up swell, and when I get up I'll be just as good as new. I am more than ever determined on going back to school."

Pfc. Healy said further: "I can thank God that I am alive. I have seen so many of my buddies fall. I am more than lucky * * *"

The wounded soldier holds the Soldiers' medal, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. His family has just received a citation which accompanied the Bronze Star award, dated August 30, to Pfc. Healy and to a "buddy" Pfc. Kempton E. Motes of Mesa, Ariz., "for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on July 18 and 19 in the vicinity of Palaia, Italy." He recovered from the wounds in this action and returned to combat. The citation states:

"Pfc. Motes and Pfc. Healy displayed outstanding courage in the face of heavy enemy fire while maintaining vital wire communications. Following Company 1 as wiremen in its attack on Palaia, when the column was held up by intense machine gun and small arms fire, these men, heedless of the great risk of their lives, immediately moved forward with wire and telephone to the foremost elements, enabling the company commander to promptly adjust devastating artillery fire on enemy positions. * * *

"Oblivious to the continued hostile fire which on many occasions cut the lines, Pfc. Motes and Pfc. Healy went along the wires repair-



PFC. CHARLES E. HEALEY.

ing all breaks, assuring continuous communication. While repairing the line the following morning, Pfc. Motes and Pfc. Healy were wounded by shell fragments, refusing to be evacuated until they had fully repaired the wire. * * *

"The valor and tenacity of Pfc. Motes and Pfc. Healy have won the admiration of all who know of their deeds, reflecting the highest traditions of the military service."

Pfc. Healy received a shell fragment in the hip in the first action in which he was wounded. In the September 25 action he was wounded above the left knee. His parents are satisfied that he is receiving the best medical attention possible.

Pfc. Healy attended Mount St. Joseph academy for two years and was graduated from Rutland High school in 1942. Shortly after that he entered the service. He has been in Italy for more than a year and has served as an instructor in an Army school in mountain climbing in that area.



Herald Photo.

Pfc. Charles Healy, 20, home for his first Christmas with his family in two years, after serving 22 months overseas during which he was twice wounded in action in Italy, is shown above with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Healy of Forest street.

Pfc. Charles Healy, Twice Wounded, Back for Holiday

Rutland Youth, on Crutches as Result of 2d Injury, Voices Praise of "Snappy Job" of Army Surgery.

One of the most cheerful and most grateful fellows in Rutland over the Christmas holidays is Pfc. Charles Healy, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Healy of Forest street, home after 22 months in Italy where he was twice wounded in action.

Pfc. Healy gets about on crutches, his left leg amputated below the knee, a result of a shrapnel wound received while he was stringing a telephone line in the mountains near Bologna on September 24. The young soldier is loud in his praise for the Army doctor, Lt. Col. Simone of Boston, who he says "did such a snappy job of surgery, re-

inforcing the arteries and saving my knee."

Sharing in the joys of re-union at the Healy home yesterday besides Pfc. Healy, were his happy parents, his grandfather, Dennis J. Healy, his brother, Bob, a Rutland High school student, his youngest brother, Joe, aged 10, who attends St. Peter's school, and a four months old wire haired terrier, whose antics bely the dignity of his name, "Mr. Miffington." There are three other members of the family of whom an older brother, Dan, a radio announcer in Pittsfield, Mass., who will be home for Christmas. However another brother and a sister will be unable to take part in family festivities this week. They are Sgt. Francis Healy, serving with the signal corps in New Guinea, and A/S Ann Catherine Healy, training with the Waves at Hunter college, New York.

Pfc. Healy entered service shortly after his graduation from Rutland High school. He was stationed in Africa and landed at Naples three days after it was taken by the allies. He says he never gained a beachhead, but fought with troops right up the Italian peninsula, first with the Fifth Army mountain troops, and in the last nine months overseas with the 88th division infantry.

While attending mass in a field at Cassanova, Italy, he says he "bumped into" Sgt. Joe DeBlasio of Meadow street, as the two were approaching the altar to receive holy communion. Three days later Sgt. DeBlasio was killed in action. Healy spent an eight-day leave in Rome with Lt. Berkeley Buzzell of Pittsford, but has seen hardly any other Vermonters in his travels.

Pfc. Healy was first wounded in the right leg at Palaia, Italy on July 17. He was hospitalized for six weeks and then returned to combat. He did not add that it was for his work at Palaia that he was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement, displaying outstanding courage in the face of heavy enemy fire while maintaining vital wire communications.

At Bologna, Pfc. Healy's other leg was hit by shrapnel, cutting the arteries in two places. He was operated upon by Lt. Col. Simone in a field hospital at Florence, and then was treated at Naples before coming to England General hospital at Atlantic City. He is now home on 15-day leave before returning for more hospitalization. After his military service is ended, Pfc. Healy plans to go to college.

With his family and two other servicemen—his cousin, AM 2/c Francis J. Burke of Brown street, who arrived home yesterday on leave from Brazil, and Pfc. William Macfarlane of River street, home on rotation furlough after two and a half years in the South Pacific—Pfc. Healy last night attended the novena service at St. Peter's church and then went "up-town" to meet old friends.



Herald Photo.

Staff Sgt. Robert P. Hannon of Center Rutland, home after distinguishing himself as a gunner in bombing raids over Italy and other Nazi occupied territory, fails to impress his superior officer and sister, Lieut. Kathleen Hannon of the Army Nurses corps with his military knowledge. She certainly does look bored. She has seen duty in the South Pacific area and has experiences of her own to narrate.

Sergt. Hannon Home After 51 Mediterranean Missions

Staff Sgt. Robert P. Hannon, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hannon of Center Rutland, a turret gunner in a B-25 Mitchell bomber, who recently completed his 51st combat mission in the Mediterranean theater of operations, is home on leave for a few weeks. He has earned the Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters.

Besides Sergt. "Bob," Mr. and Mrs. Hannon have a daughter and another son in the service, Lieut. Kathleen Hannon of the Army Nurse corps, who has seen service in the Pacific area, now home on leave from her base at Hot Springs, Ark., and Pvt. Peter Hannon of Fort Belvoir, Va. There are two other sons, the Rev. Patrick Hannon of Burlington and James Hannon of Rutland.

Sergt. Hannon, member of a veteran bomber group, started flying in combat on July 5 and since then has flown over targets in Sicily, Italy, Corsica, Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania.

According to a news release from the Twelfth Army Air force public relations bureau he met his first heavy flak barrage over the marshaling yards at Salerno on August 19. "Our plane picked up its first flak hole on that mission," he commented. On August 27, his formation was jumped by from 40 to 100 enemy fighters who pressed home aggressive attacks on the bombers.

"It was a sight I'll never forget," Sergt. Hannon said. "I picked one of the ME 109's out and gave him a long burst. I saw him start spinning to the ground with smoke pouring out of the engine. It disappeared in a cloud bank but I'm sure he was a goner." This was officially recorded as a "probable" on his record. The fighters were eventually driven off and the bombers hit the target effectively.

Sergt. Hannon has consistently displayed a high degree of efficiency in aerial gunnery, the Army announcement stated, adding, "his constant vigilance at his post together with his accurate machine-gun fire have served to keep enemy fighters away from the formation. This allows for more accurate bombing by the Mitchells and, in this respect, Sergt. Hannon has made a valuable contribution to his squadron and group.

Some of the outstanding missions in which he has participated include the July 10 raid when he took part in the first bombing of the Rome area; the December 28 raid on the large Ciampino airdrome near Rome when his formation achieved excellent coverage of the dispersal areas, hitting three hangars and starting at least five fires in the target area, and the December 30 raid on an important marshaling yards north of the Eighth army front.

Sergt. Hannon has been over such historic places as the remains of Old Carthage, Mount Vesuvius, the Isle of Capri, Mount Olympus in Greece and Sarajevo in Yugoslavia—the place where the Archduke of Austria was assassinated, setting off hostilities in World war I.

The young gunner was graduated from Mount St. Joseph academy with the class of 1940. He was employed in Torrington, Conn., at the time of his enlistment in the air force in 1942.



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Frederick C. Jasmin (left), gunner's mate third class in the Naval Reserve on duty in Boston, is shown with his brother, Maxine E. Jasmin, yeoman third class in the Coast Guard Reserve at Rockland, Me. They are sons of Mrs. Harry C. Jasmin of 150 Woodstock avenue.

Cpl. R. B. Jones Home After 31 Months Service

Cpl. Richard B. Jones, 23, of the U. S. Army Medical corps, son of Judge and Mrs. George F. Jones of Mansfield place, arrived home yesterday on furlough after 31 months of service in the South Pacific.



CPL. RICHARD B. JONES.

Cpl. Jones has been on duty with a portable hospital unit in New Guinea. He is a graduate of Rutland High school, and after completing his studies at Bordentown Military school at Bordentown, Pa., enlisted in the army in October, 1941. He has been overseas since May, 1942.

Cpl. Jones' younger brother, Pfc. Joe Jones, of the Army Ski troops, who took part in landings on the Aleutians more than a year ago, recently returned home from Camp Swift, Tex., after receiving a medical discharge.

Miss Barbara D. Jones of New York, sister of the two servicemen, will arrive this week to spend the Christmas holidays at her home.

It will be the first time in four years that the family will have been together for Christmas.

Former Mendon Boy Dies Action in RAF Service at Malta

(Special to The Herald.)

MENDON, Dec. 22.—Missing as a result of air operations near Malta on October 17, was Flight Lieut. Ripley Ogden Jones, according to word received from the Air Ministry in London by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander O. Jones of Cooperstown, N. Y., and Mendon.



LIEUT. R. O. JONES.

Flight Lieut. Jones, a grandson of the late Gen. and Mrs. E. H. Ripley of Mendon, spent most of his boyhood here.

He was graduated from Phillips Exeter academy in 1934, Harvard university in 1938, and the Naval school in Pensacola in 1939.

He was among the 11 Americans who landed at Malta in April. During his year and a half in the service of the Royal Air Force, he was twice promoted, first to the rank of flying officer and later to flight lieutenant.

He was credited with shooting down four German and one Italian planes at Malta.

He was among seven RAF pilots missing after an aerial engagement 11 miles northeast of Malta on October 27.

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OCTOBER 13, 1942.



Second Lieut. Iver R. Johnson, son of Mrs. Dora E. Johnson of 46 Nichols street, recently received his commission at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieut. Johnson attended Ballston Spa High school in New York and enlisted in the Army in 1934.

J. Jagodzinski Is Missing In Philippines

Another Rutland young man, John J. Jagodzinski, 22, a bombardier, is reported as missing in action, and may have given his life in the service of his country.



JOHN J. JAGODZINSKI.

Word has been received by Mrs. Herbert Shedd of 12 Shedd place that Jagodzinski, who had made his home with the Shedd's for several years, was reported missing at the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, on or about May 7.

Jagodzinski enlisted in November, 1940, and was a member of the regular Army. He had been in the Philippines since November 17, 1941, where he served as an aerial gunner, as a member of the 27th Bomb group.

The Shedd's last heard from Jagodzinski in a letter dated January 22, 1942.

He has a brother who is now serving with the United States Army in Australia.

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Two Rutland young men, S 1/c Arthur F. Jasmin, left above, and S 2/c Donald William Cook, who were pals at Rutland High school, are still together in Uncle Sam's Navy, both having been sent to Shoemaker, Cal., for reassignment after taking boot training together at Sampson, N. Y. Jasmin, who is a son of Mrs. D. F. Smart of Deer street, enlisted on March 30, last, at the age of 17, while a student at the High school. Cook, who is 18, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of Forest street, graduated from the High school last June. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Arthur of Putnam, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cook of Brandon.



SECOND LIEUT. KEITH.

Robert C. Keith Commissioned a 2d Lieutenant

Following his graduation Monday from Officers' Training school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., 2d Lieut. Robert C. Keith arrived here yesterday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Keith of Dana avenue. The elder Keith is in charge of the Rutland railroad police work.

Lieut. Keith brought home further news to his folks. He was married late in October at the Fort Monmouth chapel to Miss Ruth Sheridan of Springfield, Mass. It was a military wedding. Mrs. Keith's father is Capt. Robert E. Sheridan of the United States merchant marine and at the present is somewhere in the Far East.

The new officer enlisted in September, 1940 in the Army Signal corps. He was then 18. He was stationed at Mitchell Field for a short time and then was transferred to the radio school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Following his completion of the radio course he was transferred to Westover field at Chicopee, Mass., where he served as a radio school instructor.

He went back to Monmouth three months ago to take the officers' training course. He will remain in Rutland until December 14, when he will go to Camp Crowder, Mo., where he has been stationed temporarily. He is a graduate of Rutland High school.

Lieut. Keith was accompanied to Rutland by a friend, Aviation Cadet Donald Claven of Springfield, Mass.

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THURSDAY MORNING, A

Lt. A. F. Keefe Is Promoted To Captaincy

Word of the promotion of Lt. Alexander F. Keefe to the rank of captain has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Keefe of Mansfield place.



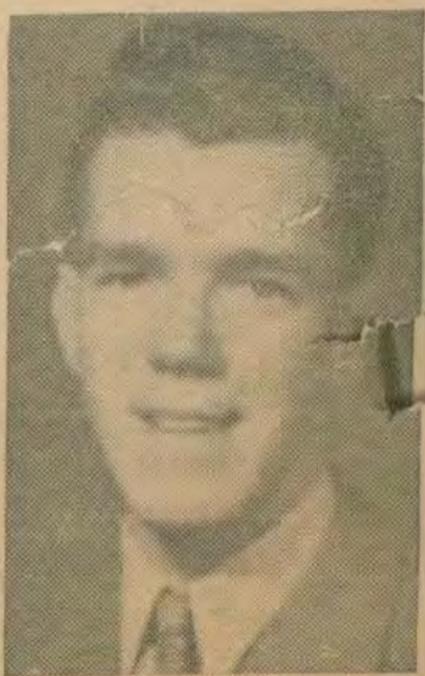
CAPT. ALEXANDER KEEFE.

Capt. Keefe enlisted in the National Guard in October, 1940, and was inducted into the federal service February 24, 1941. After attending Officer Candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., he was commissioned September 4, 1942 and was assigned to overseas duty.

Promoted to first lieutenant on May 3, 1943, he was later that year assigned to a special service course in orientation and education at Washington and Lee university, which he finished November 11, last year.

He has requested his family not to make public his present station of assignment. Before entering the service he was a member of the classified advertising staff of The Herald.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1944.



Four of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Kehoe of 27 Kendall avenue are serving Uncle Sam. Pfc. James, 25 (top left) has been in New Guinea for 18 months and is expected home soon on a furlough; his twin, S/Sgt. Jerald (top right), has recently arrived in France; Pvt. Edward, 28 (lower left), has been in the service about six months and is stationed at Fort Meade, Md., and Apprentice Seaman Robert of the United States Navy left recently for his "boot" training at Sampson, N. Y. All of the boys attended Rutland High school. The other members of the family include Donald, Ralph, Susan and Charlotte.

'Smokes' Given Captors Thought To Have Saved Life of Airman Now Home From German Prison

T/Sgt. Joseph E. Kennedy, 20, of 203 State street, probably saved his life when he proffered cigarettes to a group of angry civilians who sought to capture him when he landed in a Hungarian swamp, after baling out of his crippled bomber on April 13, 1944, it was learned yesterday.

The young airman, who served with the Fifteenth Air force, is at his home for a rest after his return to the United States this week, following his liberation from the Nazi prisoner of war camp at Moosburg.

Despite the fact that Kennedy was wounded in both legs by flak and fire from German "fighters" before he jumped from the doomed plane, he landed about 25 miles from the Danube river. Referring to the men and women civilians who approached him, he said: "They didn't look too good, so I began handing out cigarettes from a couple of packs I had." He was later turned over to a German lieutenant.

Sgt. Kennedy, waist gunner with the crew of the ill-fated B-24 Liberator, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayden Kennedy. Fifteen of his 19 months overseas was spent as a prisoner of war of the Nazis. The youthful airman wears the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the European theater medal with four stars, the Good Conduct medal, the American theater medal, and the presidential unit citation with two clusters.

Kennedy, who flew with the 15th Air force, based in Italy, has plenty of reason to believe in the fellowship of Vermonters. After he was turned over to the Nazi lieutenant and "thrown into" a local jail in a town on the Danube, his wounded legs were treated by a fellow prisoner, a Lt. Richard Mock of Hartford, P-47 pilot, who himself was suffering from painful burns.

After the first tanks released the prisoners from Moosburg where Sgt. Kennedy was interned near the close of the war, he received his first good meal in many months through the kindness of two Vermont soldiers, Sgt. Richard Dagg of South Main street, who obligingly went hunting and shot three deer, which in turn were dressed and prepared by Lt. Warren Collins of Colchester. "We had venison cooked in all kinds of ways—fried, boiled and baked," Sgt. Kennedy said.

Two other sergeants, serving in the ordnance with Dagg and Collins whose homes are in northern Vermont and whose names Kennedy does not recall, also went out in search of food and brought back numerous eggs from nearby farms. These also were served to the hungry Rutland boy in most every method of the culinary science known to Army men. On the way home on board ship after his liberation, Sgt. Kennedy was summoned to the captain's quarters after that officer had scanned the passenger list and found a Vermonter aboard.

From that time till the boat docked, Kennedy was a "guest" of the captain, who has relatives in Rutland, and is a native of St. Albans.

Sgt. Kennedy, despite his wounds, was confined for 33 days in the jail in which he was first imprisoned. With other captured airmen, he was obliged to undergo "interrogation methods" and was given little food. Then he was transferred to Flag 3 at Sagan, remaining from May to January when he took part in the "forced march" to Spremburg and from there entrained to Moosburg. Many of the German guards, most of them old men, died from cold and exhaustion on the march and several of them just "fell out" of line, Kennedy said. There was constant friction between the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe guards about the possession of prisoners, he said.

Sgt. Kennedy enlisted in the Air corps a few months after his graduation from Mount St. Joseph academy. He has 131 points to his credit, entitling him to an honorable discharge from service.

He will fulfill one of his favorite dreams during his long imprisonment when he will go with his family soon on a camping trip to Lake Dunmore. After that he plans to make contact with the families of missing members of his bomber crew. Of the original eight, only three are known to have survived.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,

S 1/c Earl E. Knipes, Member of LCI Crew, Home Here on Leave

Seaman First Class Earl E. Knipes, a member of the crew of a battlewise LCI (landing craft, infantry) which participated in five amphibious operations in the Mediterranean and European theaters of operation, is at his home on the Stratton road on 30-day leave with his wife, the former Jane Fallon, and their six children.



S 1/c EARL E. KNIPES.

Directing traffic at Anzio was the most exciting assignment given the LCI on which Seaman Knipes has been serving, according to a Navy account made public as the ship came back for overhaul in an eastern port before pushing off on new adventures.

The ship participated in the assaults on Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Elba and Southern France, and at Anzio she remained in the harbor under heavy bombing and shelling to direct traffic.

Another Vermonter serving on the same ship is Boatswain's Mate 2/c L. E. Marineau of Montpelier.

Before volunteering for service in the Navy more than a year ago, Seaman Knipes was employed by the Rutland railroad. Beseeking him daily for tales of his adventures in service are his sons, Robert, 12, Eugene, 10, Terrance, 5, and Joseph, 3, and his daughters, Patricia, 9 and Caroline, 7.



Bernard Kazon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kazon of 139 Church street, has been commissioned a second lieutenant, having just completed an officer candidate course at the Infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., according to an announcement made by the Army. Lieut. Kazon enlisted on March 6, 1943, and served with the Mountain Infantry at Camp Hale, Colo., before going to the officer candidate school. He was educated at Rutland High school and at Syracuse university where he specialized in journalism.

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Lieut. John L. Kotuby, shown above, who is now in England, has just been promoted from the rank of second lieutenant to first lieutenant, infantry. Graduating from Rutland High school in 1935, he was first commissioned at the University of Vermont where he was taking a mechanical engineering course. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kotuby of 67 Hazel street.

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Sergt. William A. Keenan of 108 South street has returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., after having been home on furlough. Sergt. Keenan, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Keenan of Hampton Falls, N. H., went to Camp Blanding, Fla., with Company A, in March, 1941. His grandfather is John A. Keenan of South street.

MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1946.



CM 3/e Atlee G. Knapp, jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlee G. Knapp of Jackson avenue, has just been promoted to that grade, according to word received by his parents. He has served in both Mediterranean and Pacific theaters during his two years in the Navy and holds three battle stars and a commendation for the assault on Theya Shima and Okinawa Gunto. On Christmas day his parents received Christmas greetings which he cabled from Shanghai. He is stationed in Japan.

Pilot Listed As Killed

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Capt. Stephen Lozinski Died
Over Germany Last Year,
War Dept. Reports.

Capt. Stephen J. Lozinski, 27, squadron leader of a B-17 bomber group with the Eighth Air force, lost his life in the service of his country near Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on February 16, 1945, his wife, Mrs. Helen Considine Lozinski of 121 Harrington avenue has learned from the War department.



CAPT. STEPHEN LOZINSKI.

Capt. Lozinski was listed as missing nearly a year ago. He leaves besides his wife, to whom he was married on June 27, 1942, in Rutland, two small sons, Stephen, jr., and Thomas Edward. The younger boy was born last May, three months after his father's death. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lozinski of Altoona, Pa.

The War department communication, signed by Maj. Edward F. Wittsell of Washington and received yesterday by Mrs. Lozinski, stated:

"It is with deep regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Capt. Stephen J. Lozinski, Air corps. Your husband was reported missing in action since February 16, 1945. It has now been officially established from recent reports received in the War department that he was killed in action near Gelsenkirchen, Germany, as a result of anti-aircraft fire on the date he was previously reported missing in action.

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic sacrifice in the service of his country may be of sustaining comfort to you. I extend my deepest sympathy."

Capt. Lozinski made his home with his uncle, Stephen Frankiewicz of Library avenue, a painting contractor, by whom he was employed. He left for service in March, 1941, with the Vermont National Guard, and qualified as an aviation cadet, receiving his training in the south. He received his wings and commission at Turner field, Albany, Ga., on May 28, 1943.

He went overseas in January, 1944, and served as a bomber pilot with the Eighth Air force. After completing 25 missions he came home on 30-day leave in July, 1944. He was on his 40th mission when he met his death.

Capt. Lozinski held many honors for courage and skill as a Flying Fortress pilot and squadron leader in raids over German territory. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf cluster; the Air medal with four clusters; the Presidential unit citation with one oak leaf cluster. In June, 1944, he was commended for "cool courage" in effecting a successful landing of a crippled Flying Fortress which had been twice attacked by Nazi aircraft and saving the lives of his crew.

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MoMM 3/c Henry E. Lapine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Lapine of West street, returned recently to the hospital at Mare Island, Cal., after a 30-day leave spent at his home. A veteran of 21 months of service in the Pacific area, Lapine wears the Good Conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater ribbons with four battle stars, and the Halsey ribbon. His brother, Joseph R. Lapine, watertender 1/c, is also in the Pacific area.

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Rutland Man Is Missing

Capt. Lozinski Unreported After February 16 Action, His Wife Learns.

Capt. Stephen J. Lozinski, who was promoted to that rank on October 22, is reported missing in action over Germany since February 16. His wife, Mrs. Helen Considine Lozinski of 121 Harrington avenue, received the information.



CAPT. S. J. LOZINSKI.

Capt. Lozinski has been awarded many honors for courage and skill in his operations as Flying Fortress pilot and element leader in raids on German-occupied territory, among them the Distinguished Flying cross with one Oak Leaf cluster, the Air medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and the presidential unit citation with one Oak Leaf cluster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lozinski of Altoona, Pa.

A member of the Vermont National Guard, Capt. Lozinski left with the company in March, 1941, and qualified as an aviation cadet, receiving most of his flight training in the South. He attended school at Turner Field, Albany, Ga., and received his wings and commission there on May 28, 1943. He went overseas and was attached to the Army's Eighth Air force. After completing 25 missions he visited his wife and son who live with Mrs. Lozinski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Considine, at the Harrington avenue address.

Sgt. Lessor Earns DFC

Rutland Man Awarded High Honor for Service as Ball Turret Gunner.

(Special to The Herald.)

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England (By Mail).—Staff Sgt. Harold E. Lessor, 23, of RUTLAND, VT., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying cross for "extraordinary achievement" while serving as ball turret gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, "Lumberin' Lizzie," on numerous high altitude bombing attacks on vital industrial targets within Germany.



S/SGT. HAROLD LESSOR.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lessor of 60 North street, Rutland. His wife, the former Anna C. Myrdek, lives at home with his parents. A graduate of the Rutland High school, Sgt. Lessor was employed at the South End market prior to his entry into the AAF in June, 1941.

A member of the 487th Bombardment group, commanded by Col. Robert Taylor, 3d. of Ruxton, Md., Sgt. Lessor also holds the Air medal with four Oak Leaf clusters. A veteran in the "major league of aerial warfare," he has participated in attacks on oil refineries at Magdeburg, Hanover and Leipzig, the tank factory at Kassel as well as the industrial centers at Nurenburg and Berlin.

"At Kassel, flak made us feather one engine, but we continued on and dropped our bombs," said Sgt. Lessor. "We made it home alone as our gas was leaking out."

The DFC citation stated in part: "The courage, presence of mind and devotion to duty while engaged in aerial combat on all these occasions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army Air Forces."

Sgt. Lessor's group is a unit of the Third Bombardment division, the division cited by the president for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

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F I-c Lewis Loses Life

One of Four Brothers Serving
in Pacific Area Dead, Navy
Reports.

Fireman 1/c Elmer Carroll Lewis of the Pittsford road, one of the four fighting sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis of Poultney, has lost his life in the service of his country in the Pacific area, his sister, Miss Mary Lewis was informed by the War department yesterday.



ELMER C. LEWIS.

Fireman 1/c Lewis, who was 19 years old, was reported missing in action on January 4. His sister stated yesterday that he served aboard a new 2200-ton destroyer, the loss of which was announced in a communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, and released by the Navy department last month. The ship, according to the release, one of the Navy's newest and most modern destroyers, was sunk in a night action off Ormoc, while supporting American operations on Leyte island.

The young Navy man, who enlisted at the age of 17, was one of 13 children. They formerly lived in Poultney, and after the death of their parents, moved to their present Pittsford road home with their sister, Miss Mary Lewis. Three brothers in the service are Theodore, 20, and Gordon, 23, of the Navy and Fred 24, of the Army, all of whom are in the South Pacific area. Fireman 1/c Lewis was graduated from Meldon school and before entering the Navy was employed in defense work in Springfield.

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Sgt. LaFrance Back on Duty After Wounds

Sgt. Herbert Paul LaFrance, son of Mr. and Mrs. George LaFrance of 42 East street, formerly of Highgate Springs, has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in France on July 13. After recuperating in a hospital in England, Sgt. LaFrance has returned to his outfit and is now somewhere in Germany.



SGT. H. P. LAFRANCE.

Sgt. LaFrance entered the service in November, 1942, and after training at numerous camps, went overseas in January, 1944, landing in England before going into France. A member of the famed 30th division, Sgt. LaFrance participated in the drive on St. Lo, the battle at St. Barthelmy, where his outfit was commended for its "heroic stand, courage and skill," the battles of Evrox and Lauviere. His outfit was one of the first Allied division to enter Holland and to attack the Siegfried line.

Sgt. LaFrance has twin brothers, Lawrence and Lewis, 7, two other brothers, Carlton 13, Harlan, 11, a sister Velma, 18 and two half sisters, Dorothy and Marion.

Mother Gets Letter From Wounded Son

1/25/45

"I've heard from my wounded son directly, and I'm so happy," Mrs. Elizabeth LaFay of 39 Cleveland avenue told a Herald reporter yesterday.



PFC. JOHN B. LEFAY.

Pfc. John B. LaFay was seriously wounded in action in Belgium December 30, according to a telegram she had received from the War department. In the letter, her son said he had been severely wounded in the back, legs and arms by shrapnel and that he was now in a base hospital in England. The letter was dated January 18.

Pfc. LaFay enlisted in the Army in October, 1942, and has been overseas for 18 months with a Military Police division.

He has two brothers in the service, Pvt. Telesphore, who is hospitalized in New Guinea, and Pvt. Fred, who is stationed somewhere in Greenland.

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TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1944

M-Sgt. Lash Earns Special Commendation

Master Sgt. Hyman R. Lash, serving with the U. S. Army Quartermaster corps in France, has been especially commended for "excellent service" in the performance of his duties.

Col. L. W. Black, headquarters commander, has written that during service from June 8 to August 9, as his secretary during an assignment with a southern base section, the officer had never known "a more loyal or higher type of non-commissioned officer. Regardless of the circumstances or problems arising, he has met the situation in a calm and dignified manner. He is a gentleman in every report, efficient and always attentive to duty."



M/SGT. HYMAN R. LASH.

A commendation written late last year by a previous commanding officer, Col. C. H. Engelbrecht, stated that "the corps quartermaster wishes to express his appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Sgt. Lash in the supply of corps troops prior to the establishment of the present railhead. Though the influx of corps troops put an excessive load on the breakdown unit, Sgt. Lash was always courteously efficient and ever ready to assist when emergencies arose."

M/Sgt. Lash has been in the Army three years and has been overseas for 18 months. His wife is the former Virginia Napolitano of River street. Previous to entering the service he was manager of the Village Barn restaurant in North Clarendon, and was later employed in the Sports shop on Merchants Row.

Maj. Newell B. Lee of Lincoln avenue has arrived safely in Africa, where he is commander of a negro labor battalion, his wife learned yesterday in a letter from the well-known Rutland officer.

Maj. Lee, who is completing his 28th year on active duty or as a reserve officer in the Army, is a veteran of the first World war. He stated that he has been "pretty tickled" to receive copies of The Herald at regular intervals and expressed satisfaction in the publicity given to Company A of the Vermont State Guard, and to the pictures of summer maneuvers. He said in his letter that he wished his wife to extend his congratulations to winners of the county primary elections, especially to Sheriff-Elect Geno Franzoni.

Merely giving his location as "somewhere in Africa," Maj. Lee stated that there is plenty of food, but not much variety. Speaking of the men working under his command he said, "We've got a big job to do, and we're doing it well!"

For many years Maj. Lee was affiliated with Company A of the Vermont National Guard, and left this city with the unit in 1941. He was also a reserve officer. It was specified that he has not been connected with the 43d division for some time. He was a mechanic at Burke's garage before returning to active duty. He has been overseas since last July, his wife stated.

Maj. and Mrs. Lee have three children, Barbara, who is Mrs. Robert Nash of Park avenue, and Mary and Charles Lee of Lincoln avenue. They also have a grandchild, Philip Nash.

NOVEMBER 25, 1944.

S. J. Lozinski Now Captain

Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress Pilot Promoted at British Base.

Mrs. Helen Considine Lozinski of 121 Harrington avenue has received word from the Eighth Air force in England of the promotion on October 22, of her husband, Stephen J. Lozinski, to the rank of captain from first lieutenant. Capt. and Mrs. Lozinski have a baby son, who lives with his mother at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Considine.



CAPT. STEPHEN J. LOZINSKI

Capt. Lozinski holds many honors for courage and achievement in his operations as Flying Fortress pilot and element leader in raids on German occupied territory, among them the Distinguished Flying cross with one Oak Leaf cluster, the Air medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, and presidential unit citation with one Oak Leaf cluster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lozinski of Altoona, Pa.

Capt. Lozinski was a member of the Vermont National Guard when it left Rutland in March, 1941. While at Camp Shelby, Miss., he qualified as an aviation cadet and received most of his flight training in the South. He attended school at Turner field, Albany, Ga., and received his wings and commission there on May 28, 1943. His advanced bomber training was obtained at Sebring, Fla., and Ephrata, Wash. In January, 1944, he went overseas and was attached to the Army's Eighth Air force. After completing 25 missions he visited his wife and son here.

DECEMBER 4, 1942.



MAJOR NEWELL B. LEE

Maj. N. B. Lee
Arrives At
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**SGT. LEBO, PROCTOR, IN
ITALY, IS DECORATED.** 6/16/45

WITH THE AAF ENGINEER
COMMAND IN ITALY (Delayed).

—Sgt. George Lebo of Proctor, Vt., a carpenter for the map makers of the 941st aviation engineer topographic battalion in Italy, has been authorized to wear the Distinguished unit badge. His organization was awarded the Distinguished Unit citation for its efforts and professional skill and determination in the rapid production of target charts and interpreted aerial photographs for the Mediterranean Allied Air forces.

Sgt. Lebo has served overseas for 30 months. He wears the Good Conduct medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, with two Battle Participation stars, for the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns.

**MM1/C GERALD A. LESSARD
AWAITS REASSIGNMENT.**

Gerald A. Lessard, machinist's mate 1/c, whose home is at 16 Elm street in this city, has arrived at Shoemaker, Cal., said by the Navy to be its largest receiving center. He is awaiting reclassification and reassignment. MM1/c Lessard, a veteran of eight years and four months in the Navy, wears the American Defense Service bar, American, European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign ribbons and Good Conduct bar.

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**SGT. CHARLES LONERGAN
IN PACIFIC AREA.**

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Sgt. Charles B. Lonergan has recently been promoted to that rank according to word received from 13th AAF headquarters, Southwest Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Ethel Lonergan, resides at 90 Mahoney avenue. He is an automotive mechanic in a Ordnance Supply and Maintenance company. Sgt. Lonergan entered service in October, 1942, and served at Miami Beach, Fla., Chanute Field, Ill., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo., before going overseas. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon and one Battle Star. The soldier attended Johnson High school and is a graduate of the New England Welding laboratory.



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Lt. L. M. Lindberg of Rutland, at left, is shown taking advantage of off-duty hours by setting the hair of one of her co-workers in an Army hospital on the European continent, Lt. M. J. Thompson of Marion, O. The Army, in sending this picture home, reports that though the nurses often have to wear fatigue uniforms while in the field, that fact does not prevent them from keeping themselves well-groomed. They have found that often the sight of a nurse and the assurance that skilled hands are there to help, will do as much as medicine toward getting a wounded soldier on the road to recovery.

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Sgt. LaCoe Is Wounded

Mountain Trooper Who Survived Fall to Capture Five Nazis Reported Hurt.

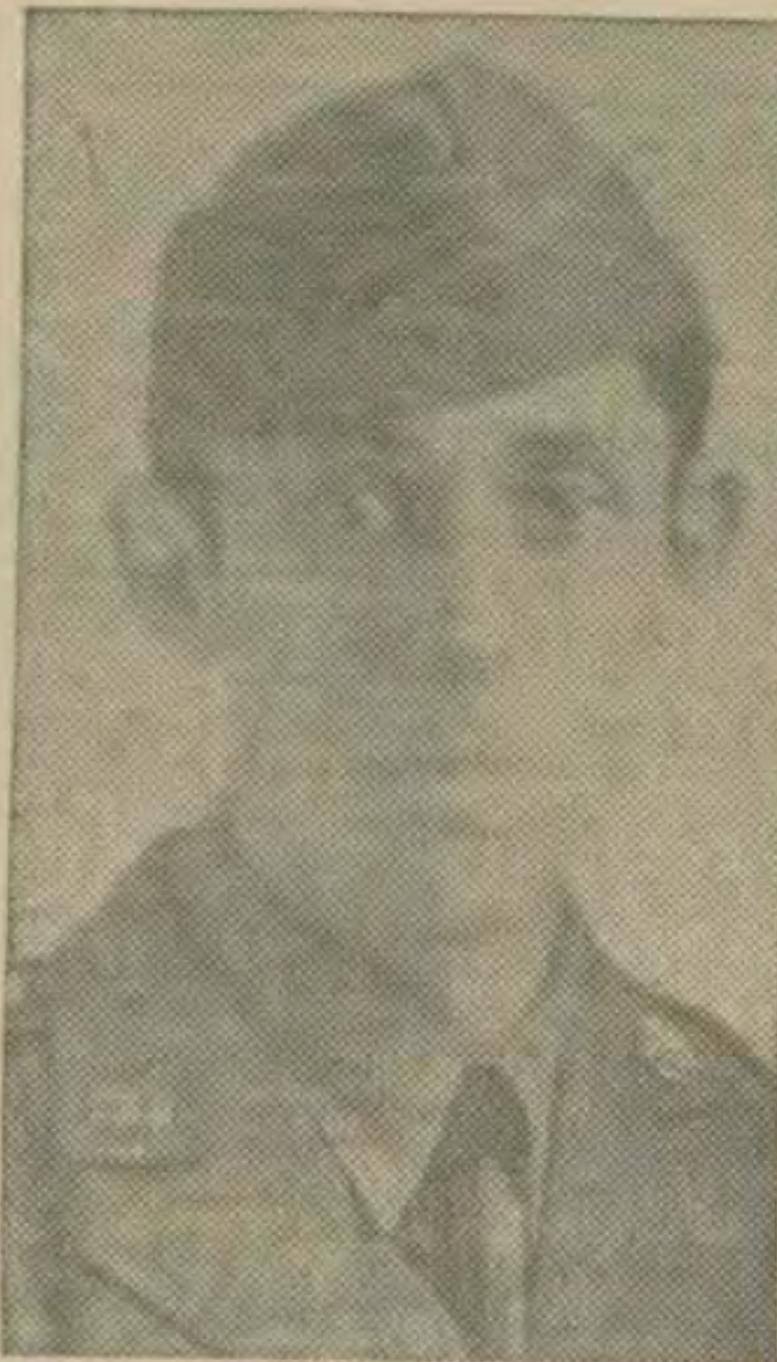
Sgt. Burt E. LaCoe of North Clarendon, who slipped and fell 140 feet down an icy and snow covered mountainside in Italy more than a month ago, disappearing over a cliff and emerging unharmed, his rifle pointed at five surrendering German soldiers, has been wounded in action, but is making a satisfactory recovery, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John LaCoe have been informed.

Sgt. LaCoe, a member of the 10th Mountain division which includes many boys from the Rutland area, was seriously wounded in Italy on March 6, according to a War department telegram received by his family on Saturday.

Later, however, Mr. and Mrs. LaCoe received a communication signed by Capt. Ernest L. Krieger from a General hospital, the location of which was not mentioned, stating that Sgt. LaCoe had received a shell fragment wound of the left knee, and that he was making a normal improvement.

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ATLAND DAILY HERALD,



Pvt. Arthur E. Lancour, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lancour of Park street, is now on Army duty in Australia. He joined the Army at the local recruiting station about a year ago. In a recent letter to his parents he reported that he liked his camp life in Australia.

S/Sgt. Francis W. Leahy Receives Oak Leaf Cluster

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE
BOMBER STATION, England,
(By Mail).—S/Sgt. Francis W.
Leahy, the 27-year-old son of Mrs.
W. J. Leahy, of 83 Jackson avenue,
RUTLAND, VT., has recently been
awarded an Oak Leaf cluster to
his Air medal for meritorious
achievement in aerial combat.

Sgt. Leahy, tail gunner on a B-17
Flying Fortress heavy bomber, has
participated in 24 daylight bomb-
ing assaults against the Nazi war
machine in Europe. Since his ar-
rival in the European theater of
operations on January 14, 1945, Sgt.
Leahy has been serving with the
veteran 305th Bombardment group.
Before entering the AAF on Octo-
ber 11, 1943, Sgt. Leahy was a
bookkeeper for the Coca-Cola Bot-
tling company of Rutland.

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Pvt. Albert J. LeBlanc of the Army Air corps has arrived somewhere in Africa, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LeBlanc of Baxter street. He is a graduate of Rutland High school, class of 1936, and of an Air corps technical school in the midwest.

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Above is Pfc. Elwin Leonard, 19, oldest of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Leonard of Pittsford who received a leg wound in Belgium. He had previously been wounded in Italy. Pfc. Leonard is a paratrooper.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Herald Photo.

Home from India for 45 days, Pfc. John Lovett experiences the unusual thrill of a war veteran in helping his son decorate a Christmas tree. Needless to say, Billy, 4, is getting a thrill out of the fact his dad is home for the holidays. The Lovetts live on East street.

Distinguished Flying Cross For 'Cool Courage' Awarded to Pilot

Commended for cool courage in effecting a successful "belly landing" of a crippled Flying Fortress, after it had been twice attacked by Nazi aircraft, and with thereby saving the lives of his crew, Lieut. Stephen J. Lozinski, Army pilot, husband of Mrs. Helen Considine Lozinski of 121 Harrington avenue, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at a Flying Fortress base in England, a delayed news release received yesterday from an Eighth AAF Bomber station in England reveals.

achievement while serving as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress on a bombardment mission April 13, 1944. Ten minutes prior to reaching the target enemy fighters attacked the formation in which Lieut. Lozinski was flying. The number 1 engine and the supercharger on the number 2 engine were knocked out and the number 3 engine was feathered due to loss of oil. Lieut. Lozinski decided to try to stay in formation long enough to make the bombing run; however, due to lack of power the ship could not maintain formation. Bombs were jettisoned and the ship headed for home.

"The ship was again attacked by enemy aircraft resulting in loss of power and altitude. As the ship approached its home base the copilot tried to lower the wheels but the right wheel would not come down. Lieut. Lozinski skillfully made a belly landing without injury to the crew. The commendable courage, coolness, tenacity of purpose and outstanding airmanship displayed by Lieut. Lozinski on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Lieut. Lozinski holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters for his combat participation in 20 separate combat missions over continental Europe.

Before entering the service, Lieut. Lozinski was associated in business here with his uncle, Stephen Frankiewicz, as a painting contractor. He has a baby son, Stephen Lozinski, jr. He has been in the Army since February, 1941, when he enlisted in the National Guard.



LIEUT. S. J. LOZINSKI.

The citation accompanying the award read: "For extraordinary



Cpl. Donald H. Loso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loso of Proctor, is shown at his teletype machine in the communications section of the 325th photographic wing reconnaissance division at the Eighth Air force headquarters in England. Cpl. Loso, a graduate of Proctor High school and the Bay Path institute in Springfield, Mass., was employed by the Monsanto Chemical company, Springfield, as a clerk and labor cost accountant. Entering the Army in October, 1942, he attended radio and teletype schools at Sioux Falls, S. D., and at Will Rogers Field, Okla. He was then assigned to the European theater of operations in March, 1944. He holds the Good Conduct and Efficiency medals.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1945.

Commendation Is Awarded To Captain Leahy

Capt. George T. Leahy, son of Mrs. William J. Leahy of 83 Jackson avenue, has received commendation, by order of Maj. Gen. Omar S. Bradley, for excellent performance of his duties in military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from April, 1945 to June, 1945.

The citation received by Mrs. Leahy read, in part, that in attacks against the Japanese during the entire Okinawa campaign, Capt. Leahy, "through personal efforts, maintained wire communications on a 24-hour schedule and personally led his men through heavy artillery fire on numerous occasions in order to keep communications intact."

Capt. Leahy received his promotion to captaincy during the month of February of this year after participating in the liberation of the island of Leyte in the Philippines. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge.

Leahy is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy.

Pilot Listed As Killed

1/9/46

Capt. Stephen Lozinski Died
Over Germany Last Year,
War Dept. Reports.

Capt. Stephen J. Lozinski, 27, squadron leader of a B-17 bomber group with the Eighth Air force, lost his life in the service of his country near Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on February 16, 1945, his wife, Mrs. Helen Considine Lozinski of 121 Harrington avenue has learned from the War department.



CAPT. STEPHEN LOZINSKI.

Capt. Lozinski was listed as missing nearly a year ago. He leaves besides his wife, to whom he was married on June 27, 1942, in Rutland, two small sons, Stephen, jr., and Thomas Edward. The younger boy was born last May, three months after his father's death. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lozinski of Altoona, Pa.

The War department communication, signed by Maj. Edward F. Witsell of Washington and received yesterday by Mrs. Lozinski, stated:

"It is with deep regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Capt. Stephen J. Lozinski, Air corps. Your husband was reported missing in action since February 16, 1945. It has now been officially established from recent reports received in the War department that he was killed in action near Gelsenkirchen, Germany, as a result of anti-aircraft fire on the date he was previously reported missing in action.

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic sacrifice in the service of his country may be of sustaining comfort to you. I extend my deepest sympathy."

Capt. Lozinski made his home with his uncle, Stephen Frankiewicz of Library avenue, a painting contractor, by whom he was employed. He left for service in March, 1941, with the Vermont National Guard, and qualified as an aviation cadet, receiving his training in the south. He received his wings and commission at Turner field, Albany, Ga., on May 28, 1943.

He went overseas in January, 1944, and served as a bomber pilot with the Eighth Air force. After completing 25 missions he came home on 30-day leave in July, 1944. He was on his 40th mission when he met his death.

Capt. Lozinski held many honors for courage and skill as a Flying Fortress pilot and squadron leader in raids over German territory. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf cluster; the Air medal with four clusters; the Presidential unit citation with one oak leaf cluster. In June, 1944, he was commended for "cool courage" in effecting a successful landing of a crippled Flying Fortress which had been twice attacked by Nazi aircraft and saving the lives of his crew.

Marine Flyer on Way Home After 52 Combat Missions in So. Pacific

BY SGT. PAUL ARLT.

(Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed).—First Lt. Perry T. Lane, jr., 22-year-old Marine fighter pilot of 29 Baxter street, RUTLAND, VT., is returning to the States on leave after completing 52 combat missions in the South and Southwest Pacific.

Qualified as a private pilot in civilian life, Lt. Lane enlisted as a naval aviation cadet and was called to active duty in July, 1942. Nine months later he won his wings and commission at Pensacola, Fla., and continued operational training at Jacksonville, Fla.

In October, 1943, Lt. Lane came out to the New Hebrides and joined a fighter squadron commanded by the famous Marine ace, Maj. Gregory Boyington.

On fighter sweeps and patrol missions with this squadron, Lt. Lane aided in the constant attacks against Jap opposition in the northern Solomons and the Bismarck archipelago.

Last January, Maj. Boyington was declared missing in action in a fighter sweep over Rabaul. He had just shot down his 26th Zero and was last seen with his wingman flying over St. George channel. Lt. Lane participated in a fruitless search to find the missing squadron commander.

After his first combat tour, Lt. Lane served as an operations officer in the strike command at Green island from the middle of March through June.

During his present tour of duty, he has been attached to another fighter squadron, based on Bougainville. Using dive-bombing tactics with his Corsair fighter-bomber, he has participated in strikes against Jap gun positions and am-



LT. PERRY T. LANE, JR.

munition depots, difficult targets to destroy by any other method.

Alternating these bombing missions with strafing runs, Lt. Lane has flown many low-level attacks on enemy bivouac areas and supply columns on New Britain and Bougainville.

While a student at Green Mountain Junior college, Poultney, Vt., he took part in the Civilian Pilot Training program and received his license upon graduation in June, 1941. During the next 12 months, Lt. Lane worked for the Howe Scale company in Rutland.

His mother, Mrs. Perry T. Lane, lives at the Rutland address and when contacted last night said that her son was in California now and would soon be home, she expected

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UTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Perry T. Lane, jr., son of Mrs. Perry T. Lane of 29 Baxter street, was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and transferred to the Naval Air station at Pensacola, Fla. Lane, who holds an associate degree in science from Green Mountain Junior college in Poultney, took his elimination flight training at the Naval Reserve Aviation base in Squantum, Mass. Upon completion of the intensive course Cadet Lane will receive the designation of naval aviator with a commission as ensign in the Naval Reserve or as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

JANUARY 10, 1945.



Army Photo.

Robert L. Lassett, husband of Mrs. Barbara Lassett of 74 Jackson avenue, Rutland, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate department of the Transportation Corps school, New Orleans Army Air base and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. Lieut. Lassett was patrol inspector for the United States Immigration Border patrol prior to his induction August 4, 1943. He has been assigned to active duty with the Transportation corps.

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**FRANCIS W. LEAHY
PROMOTED TO SERGEANT.**

Sgt. Francis W. Leahy, son of Mrs. W. J. Leahy of 83 Jackson avenue has been promoted to that rank from corporal, according to word received from an Eighth Air Force Bomber station in England. Since his arrival in the European theater

of operations Sgt. Leahy has been serving with the veteran 305th Bombardment group as a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Forteress. Before his entrance in to the AAF on October 11, 1943, Sgt. Leahy was employed by the Coca Cola Bottling company in Rutland. He is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy, class of 1936.

Six Poultney Brothers in Armed Forces



JOHN LaBATE.



ERNEST LaBATE.



ANGELO LaBATE.



FRANCIS LaBATE.



ANTONIO LaBATE.



GUY LaBATE.

Angelo LaBate, Poultney, Has Six Sons in Service

12/5/42

POULTNEY, Dec. 4.—There is no doubt where the loyalty of the Italian family of Angelo LaBate and the late Mrs. LaBate of Poultney rests in the world struggle.

Six of their seven sons are now in the United States armed forces—three of them overseas—while the seventh and youngest son has been deferred as necessary to agriculture.

The LaBates in the service are Pvt. Francis, 32, unassigned, Guy, 30, seaman second class, stationed in Mississippi, Pvt. John, 28, with a medical corps in North Africa, Pfc. Angelo, 26, stationed in Wales, Pvt. Antonio, 24, in South America, and Pvt. Ernest, 22, in the regular Army at Fort Meade, Md.

John, Angelo and Antonio are graduates of Green Mountain Junior college.

The LaBates' contribution to the war effort nearly equals that of another Rutland county Italian family—the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Iannetti of Rutland which has five boys and a girl in active service, while still another boy is home with a medical discharge after a year and six months of service.

Two other Rutland county families have five members lined up in the fight beside

Uncle Sam. Mrs. John F. Raleigh of Pittsford has five sons in the service, and Mr. and Mrs. Severus Westin of Proctor have four sons and a daughter.

Angelo LaBate of Poultney, a truck gardener, came to the United States from Italy in 1900 and became a naturalized citizen over 30 years ago.

Proud of the contribution his family is making toward the preservation of the freedom he sought and found in his adopted country, LaBate has only one regret. That is, that his wife, the former Donata Dimichele of Fair Haven, who died three years ago, is not alive to share in the pride.

The seventh son, Michael, is a senior in Poultney High school and was deferred to help his dad with his truck garden which in itself has become an important factor in the war effort.

LaBate also has three daughters, Jane, a graduate of Castleton Normal school, Grace, who is studying beauty culture in Albany, N. Y., and Gloria, a sophomore in high school.

Tonight announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Jane LaBate, who teaches school, to Charles E. Laramie of Fair Haven, an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

S-Sgt. M'Guire Leaves Marine Corps Service

S/Sgt. Earl R. McGuire, a veteran of World War I, who offered his services to his country in December, 1942, with the United States Marine corps, has received an honorable discharge and will return to his insurance business here in Rutland, it was announced yesterday.

Since re-entering service, Sgt. McGuire has been recruiting and induction sergeant at the local Marine office in the Federal building.

McGuire, during World War I, served with the 26th division, 124th infantry. Battles he participated in included: Apremont, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne.



STAFF SGT. EARL R. M'GUIRE.

Among the medals which Sgt. McGuire will "pack away" when he dons his civilian clothes today will be the Distinguished Service cross, the French Croix de Guerre, the Purple Heart, the Victory medal with four stars and the Good Conduct medal.

In December, 1943, Sgt. McGuire was admitted to membership in the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, open only to those who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross or Navy Cross. Sgt. McGuire was awarded the Distinguished Service cross and the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action, the French Croix de Guerre with citation from Marshal Petain and a citation from the late Gen. Edwards of the 26th division.

The local sergeant served on the Mexican border from June 25, 1916, to November 2, 1916, and in the World war from March 25, 1917, to March 19, 1919. Sgt. and Mrs. McGuire, who reside at 24 South Main street, have a son, First Lt. Earl C. McGuire, who has recently arrived in England with a mechanized cavalry unit.

Jap Prisoner Moved From Philippines

Seaman 2/c Robert VonDette, who has been held as a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines since the fall of Cavite, has been transferred to a prisoner of war camp in Japan, presumably in Tokio, his mother, Mrs. Allen E. VonDette of 33 Grant avenue, has learned. His oldest brother, Capt. Allen E. VonDette, jr., is now fighting in the Philippines, and another brother, Yeoman 1/c Raymond VonDette, is serving with the Navy in the Pacific area.



S 2/c ROBERT VONDETTE.

A letter yesterday from the provost marshal general in Washington to Mrs. VonDette informed her of the transfer of her youngest son from the Philippines to Japan, and stated that his present address is "Tokio Camp, Japan."

Seaman 2/c VonDette, who was a senior in Rutland High school when he enlisted in the Navy, will be 25 years old on February 15. After being listed as missing since the fall of the Philippines, he was reported to be a prisoner of war in June, 1943. It was believed that he was a patient at Canacao hospital in Cavite, where he had been under treatment since August of 1941 when his ankle bones were broken in a 20-foot fall to the deck of his ship. He was at the Naval hospital awaiting transfer to the first available government transport home at the time the Japs took over the Philippines.

The War department message is believed to be the first word received in Rutland that American prisoners in the Philippines have been transferred to Japan, following the invasion of the islands by United States forces.

Draft Board Reclassifies 75, Finding 33 'Available'

29 of Class I-A Group Married; Nine Are Shifted to Deferred List Because in War Work.

At a meeting of the Rutland County Draft board No. 1 held last Friday 75 registrants were reclassified with a total of 33 placed in I-A, available for service. Twenty-nine of this group are married. Nine men were shifted from I-A, to II-B, as necessary to war production.

One registrant, Merritt L. Thomas, through the appeal board was placed in Class II-C from Class I-A as being considered necessary to agriculture.

The latest draft list follows:

CLASS I-A.

(Available for service.)

Order No. 346, Weikki W. Torvinen; 460, Lawrence E. Davis; 883, Clarence J. Young; 1695, Rollin W. Parker; 1835, John D. Riter; 1953, John H. Quinn; 2010, Fred W. Johnson; 2015, Paul W. Scarborough; 2089, Robert M. Towne; 2144, Henry A. Peterson; 2152, Robert A. Paul; 2178, Harley H. Holden; 2201, Ashley H. Devino; 2224, Earle T. Storms; 2230, Antoine A. Greeno; 2297, Lawrence A. Coutermarsh; 2312, Earl F. Bonnett; 2326, Paul T. Abair; 2335, Walter J. Patch; 2341, Clement T. LaBonte; 2359, Guilford G. Field; 2360, John L. Hall; 2397, Vere L. Nash; 2398, William D. Nichols; 2427, Russell G. Dumouchel; 2465, Gerald C. Woods; 2489, James P. Slattery; 2495, Edgar S. Crosby; 2501, Royal D. Potter; 2884, Winfield A. Prentice; 11946, George E. Johnstone; V12227, Benedict J. Notte; 12565, Paul P. Blanchard.

CLASS I-C.

(In the armed services.)

Order No. 31, Richard P. Manning; 835, Thomas E. Beauregard; V-2982, John F. Zygo; 2999, Chester A. Martin; 10971, Carmi S. Reed; 12484, Samuel B. Babbitt, jr.; 12578, Richard P. Cota; V-12588, Henry A. Derby; 12491-A, William E. Bradder.

CLASS I-C (discharged.)

(Honorably discharged from armed forces.)

Order No. 10676, John I. Hunter; 10682, Harry L. Gutzwiller; 11031, John P. Squier; 11208, Wolly P. Montgomery.

CLASS II-A.

(Necessary in civilian activity.)

Order No. 247, Robert A. Barlow; 359-A, Stanley C. Dandoch; Raymond C. Ladabouche; W. Roun; 835, Richard W. Candlish; Claude C. 1751, Arthur J. Corey; E. Root; S2802, William 12497, Irving Adelm; N. Martin.

CLASS II-B.

(Necessary to war production.)

Order No. 10676, John I. Hunter;



Lt. Walter M. Moore, who was married here recently to the former Miss Anita Lefrancois, is a veteran of nearly a year of service with the Fifth Air force in the Southwest Pacific, where he was a pilot of a Liberator bomber and shared in 48 combat missions. He has been decorated with the Air medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. A graduate of St. Michael's college, Lt. Moore was a high school English teacher before entering service two years ago.

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Pvt. Paul L. Moreau, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moreau of 113 Church street, is attending an Army Air corps mechanics school at Amarillo, Tex. A graduate of Rutland High school, Pvt. Moreau will take a 19-week course at the Amarillo school.



Cpl. Howard H. Morgan, son of Mrs. R. C. Decker of Stratton road, who was recently authorized to wear his sixth campaign star, is a member of a special division of a B-24 Liberator bombardment group stationed in Italy which has been cited twice by the president for extraordinary achievement.

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Sept 25
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Pvt. Patrick H. Mangan, an Army pharmacist stationed in Honolulu, made a vain dash by bombing plane and train to reach Rutland before the recent death of his father, Patrick H. Mangan of Baxter street. Pvt. Mangan, who was wounded in the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, has gone to Springfield, Mass., for treatment in an Army hospital. The Rutland soldier, a veteran of the first World war, was a pharmacist in this city for many years.

11/10/42

TLAND DAILY HERALD,



First Sergt. Paul R. McGarry, above, son of Mrs. Emma L. McGarry of James street, has arrived on an unnamed island in the southwest Pacific, it was announced yesterday. In a letter to his mother he referred to "natives, coconuts and bananas," and added that he was "well and happy." Sergt. McGarry has been in active service for 20 months.



James Maniery, seaman, has been stationed on Long Island, N. Y., after completing his basic training in Little Creek, Va. He was graduated from Mount St. Joseph academy in 1940 and was employed by the Rutland railroad before enlisting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Maniery of Granger street,

LT. FRANK H. MARRO
NOW AT ASHVILLE, N. C.

LD/5/45

First Lt. Frank H. Morro of Ludlow, a veteran of a year in the European war theater, has arrived at the Redistribution station at Ashville, N. C., according to an announcement received here. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's badge. His wife lives in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Sept 21-1942



Capt. Fritz R. Metzger, shown above, is now serving as an umpire at the Second Army maneuvers in northern Tennessee and southern Kentucky. The son of Charles A. Metzger of Center street, Capt. Metzger entered the service last February. Since then he has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., Camp Croft, S. C., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Forrest, Tenn. He is now in Nashville, Tenn.

11/28/42

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Thomas Douglas McKay, son of Mrs. Cora A. McKay of Kendall avenue, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Army and transferred from Camp Swift, Tex., to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., it was learned here yesterday. Capt. McKay left Rutland with the 172d Infantry in March, 1941. He is a graduate of Fordham university and of the Georgetown university law school.

3/29/45

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Pfc. J. F. MacFarlane, formerly of 26 Williams street, Rutland, was wounded recently while serving with the 87th Mountain Infantry in Italy where he has been stationed since he left the United States in December, 1944. He is now recovering in a hospital in Italy. He has written friends here that an 18mm shell fragment pierced his heavy leather billfold, which may have saved his life by checking the force of the projectile. While in Rutland, Pfc. MacFarlane made his home with Erle D. Wilson of Williams street.

Pfc. Robert J. Maher Gets Army Discharge

7 124/45

Pfc. Robert J. Maher of Union street, a veteran of three invasions and 32 months of overseas service, recently received an honorable discharge at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Pfc. Maher, a member of the 33d Field Artillery of the 1st division, participated in the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Normandy and also fought in Tunisia, Northern France and Germany. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received in the invasion of Sicily. His division was awarded the Presidential citation and two Oak Leaf clusters.

Pfc. Maher entered the Army in June, 1940, at Fort Ethan Allen.

He expects to make his home in this city. His wife is the former Miss Philomena Garofano.

10/14/42

Navy News

John Bernard Murray, jr., specialist first class, Navy Reserve, has reported to the Navy recruiting station in the federal building as a recruiter, Chief Machinist's Mate Michael Gabco announced yesterday. Before coming here he was stationed for a week in the main office in Springfield, Mass., and prior to that he had just completed a course and successfully passed his final examination at a recruiting school in Norfolk, Va.

Two of four men who left yesterday for Springfield, Mass., to take their final physical examination were Rutland men. If successful in passing the tests the four men will be transferred to a Naval training station.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC

Mary C. Moran, Nurse, Raised to First Lieutenant

Mary C. Moran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moran of North Clarendon, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army Nurse corps, one of few Rutland nurses to hold the rank.

Lt. Moran, now in north Italy, where her unit is handling new casualties, went to Africa in 1943 and has followed Gen. Mark Clark's Army up the peninsula. She has been near the front lines most of the time.

She was a member of the Albany, N. Y., City hospital staff when a complete Red Cross unit of 50 per cent of that hospital personnel went overseas in 1943, including doctors, motor vehicles, portable operating equipment and complete nursing staff. The unit is still together after much service, although many of its members have become ill, according to letters Lt. Moran has written to her family.

Lt. Moran was herself ill in the Naples Army hospital at one time, but is now believed to be in fine health.

A sister, Miss Katherine M. Moran, is a member of the Rutland High school faculty.

11/14/44
**Underground
 Paper Makes
 GI's Welcome**

"Long live liberty and the heroes who are bringing it back to us. Welcome. You are our liberators and we are proud to cheer you."

This was the message which greeted American soldiers, in the form of a single sheet special edition of the underground newspaper, "La Libre Belgique" put out by the Belgians when their town of Liege was liberated.



PFC. ROBERT J. MAHER

Pfc. Robert J. Maher, now a member of an artillery unit in Germany, sent a copy of the paper to his wife, who lives at 47 Union street.

The lone sheet, printed on both sides in English, with large black letters of WELCOME, under the title and masthead in French, was filled with messages such as:

"For the last four years, squashed but not bent, under German boot, we waited impatiently but with confidence, after the day we could breathe again a pure and free air, think and talk as we want to, in a word, find again with our liberty, the beauty of our town and the charm of our life."

"We salute the heroism of men enrolled under the Stars and Stripes or the Union Jack. Their shedded blood, their sufferings, the gift of themselves won't be in vain. Because they died for us, their memory will live forever in our hearts."

"Be welcome among us, soldiers of Liberty on the land of Liberty. You are our brothers, because you have in your hearts the same ideal and the same faith as we. Soldiers of America and Great Britain we receive you as our sons. You are at home in our city. Be here in our little land as in your native country."

Pfc. Maher, who wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in the invasion of Sicily, also saw action in North Africa. He attended Rutland High school and enlisted about four years ago in the regular Army. His wife is the former Philomena Garofano. Maher is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan of Jackson avenue.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1944.

Rita E. Mangan Now A First Lieutenant In Army Nurse Corps

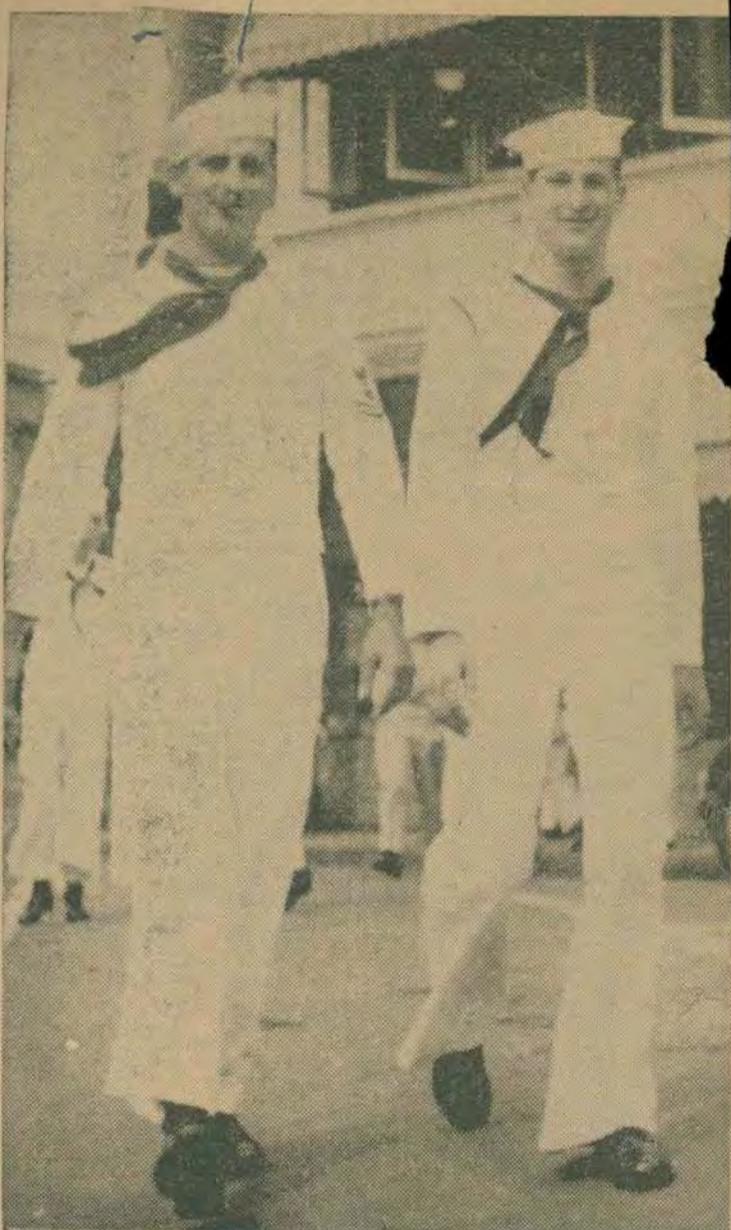
News of the promotion to the rank of first lieutenant of Miss Rita E. Mangan of the Army Nurse corps has been received here by her brother, Thomas F. Mangan of Evergreen avenue.



LIEUT. RITA E. MANGAN

Lieut. Mangan, who is temporarily stationed at Camp Anzia, Arlington, Cal., has completed several crossings as a member of a medical ship platoon, to the Southwest Pacific and Central Pacific theaters, accompanying troops overseas and caring for wounded on the return trip.

The young Army nurse is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy here and of the Bishop DeGoesbriand hospital school of nursing in Burlington. She enlisted from the Johns Hopkins hospital, and entered the service at Fort Adams hospital, Newport, R. I.



News of two more reunions of Rutland boys at a base in the Pacific has been received by relatives in this city, accompanying holiday messages. At the left above are Third Class Petty Officer Francis Margo, 19, (extreme left) and his brother, First Class Petty Officer Sammy Margo, 21, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Margo of Granger street. They met for the first time in a year and a half at an unnamed base more than a month ago, and wished that another brother in the Navy, Seaman 2/c Alfred Margo, 18, who is at sea, have been present. Both of the brothers shown here were Mount St. Joseph athletes, Francis having been chosen as guard on the New England Catholic basketball team two years ago. In the photo at right, taken at the same base, are two first cousins, Second Class Petty Officer Miles Eitori, left, of Plain street, and Seaman 1/c Phillip J. Pratico of Spruce street. It was their first meeting since they had service two years ago.



U. S. Coast Guard Photo.

Pictured in the sick bay of the Coast Guard-manned LST on which he has served during the invasions of Kiska, Tarawa and Saipan is Coast Guardsman Philip Mayo, pharmacist's mate first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Mayo of Deer street. Coast Guard headquarters reports that it's a question in Mayo's mind whether the crew respect him more for the fine job he has done on them or the fact that he healed the wounded paw of "Kodiak," ship's mascot and the only casualty of the Kiska operation. When the picture was taken, Mayo was looking forward to his fourth Pacific invasion.

DFC Awarded Lt. W. M. Moore For 3 'Strikes'

7/27/45

FIFTH AIR FORCE, the Philippines (By Mail).—First Lt. Walter M. Moore, son of Mrs. Edna J. Moore, 1 Hopkins street, RUTLAND has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in three historic strikes against Balikpapan, Borneo.



LT. WALTER M. MOORE.

Rich with oil refineries and storage tanks, Jap-held Balikpapan was a concentration of enemy strength that demanded quick devastation in the waning months of 1944.

Co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator, Lt. Moore took off from an undisclosed Pacific base in September and October, 1944, on what were to be the longest flights ever flown by this type of bomber.

When the mass formations of Liberators reached the target area, the Japs threw everything at them. Swarms of enemy fighters, aerial phosphorus bombs, and withering anti-aircraft fire failed to deter Lt. Moore and his fellow crew members from their missions.

Balikpapan was blown to smithereens. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of Far East Air Forces, in citing Lt. Moore's valor, has stated in part: "On each strike bombs were dropped with devastating results, starting violent explosions and huge fires, and destroying . . . oil refineries, storage tanks, and other installations."

Lt. Moore, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Moore of Hopkins street, is now back in this country, stationed at the Army air field in Nashville, Tenn., where he is a ferry pilot and instructor. His wife is the former Miss Anita Lefrancois of this city.

T. M'Mahon

Now Colonel

Sept 24-42
Rutland Officer Aide de Camp
on Staff of New Mexico Gov-
ernor; His Parents Learn.

Thomas J. McMahon, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McMahon of Church street, has been commissioned as colonel, aide de camp, on the staff of the governor of New Mexico, his parents learned yesterday when they received the certificate of the appointment.



COL. T. J. McMAHON.

The document dated September 17 at Sante Fe, N. M., bears the signature of John E. Miles, governor and commander in chief, Jussie M. Gonzales, secretary of state, and Russell C. Charlton, adjutant general. The certificate was accompanied by the following letter:

"Dear Col. McMahon: Governor Miles has requested me to transmit the attached commission as a colonel, aide de camp.

"I sincerely congratulate you upon receiving this commission." The letter was signed by R. C. Charlton, brigadier general, adjutant general.

In his duties with the United States Army, McMahon holds the rank of first lieutenant. He is trial judge advocate at the Army Air base in Albuquerque, N. M. He recently completed an advanced course in the duties of Army judge advocate in Los Angeles.

Col. McMahon, a graduate of Rutland High school, studied law in the office of Attorney Jack A. Crowley and, after his admission to the bar, was appointed United States commissioner with offices in the federal building here. He left Rutland with the Vermont National Guard in March, 1941 and was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., for several months. Before being assigned to duty in New Mexico he attended officers training school at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a former president of the Rutland aerie of Eagles.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have another son in the service, Technical Sergt. George P. McMahon, who will leave tomorrow for San Antonio, Tex., where he is stationed, after spending a furlough here.

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Lt. McGuire Is Wounded

War Department Informs Parents He Was Hurt in Action in Germany March 18.

Lt. Earl C. McGuire, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. McGuire of South Main street was wounded in action in Germany on March 18, the War department informed his parents in a telegram received yesterday.



LT. EARL C. McGUIRE.

In letters received this week by Mr. and Mrs. McGuire and by Lt. McGuire's fiancée, Miss Ann Marie Cree of Church street, it was learned that the young officer was wounded in the right hand or arm, while fighting with a mechanized cavalry unit, presumably under General Patton. The letters, written by Lt. McGuire with his left hand, said that he had been hospitalized in Paris and later in England.

Lt. McGuire, who is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy and Norwich university, has covered much of the territory over which his father, veteran of three wars, fought with the 26th (Yankee) division in 1918. The senior McGuire served in the Mexican border campaign and World war 1 in the Army and recently received an honorable discharge after two years of service in the Marine corps in this war.

As an infantry sergeant he was wounded at Chateau Thierry, and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service cross, the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre.

Lt. McGuire arrived overseas early in December and had been in Germany about a month at the time he was wounded.

Queen Victoria's 68-year reign was the longest in British history.

Flyer Who Saved Self in Jumping Has Family Here

The identity of "lucky" Staff Sergt. Harold R. Manley, 33, who saved his own life by repairing a defective parachute as he hurtled through the air from a Mitchell bomber, causing the "silk umbrella" to open less than 1000 feet from the ground over Burma, was established yesterday by members of his family, who live in Rutland.



STAFF SERGT. H. R. MANLEY.

The airman who outwitted fate by landing without incident after his hair-raising plunge has a wife, the former Alice Maranville of Granville, N. Y., and a nine-year-old son, Bobby, who live at 17½ Jackson avenue. Sergt. Manley is a native of this city. He entered the service from Fair Haven on May 24, 1942, his son's seventh birthday. Prior to his induction he was employed by the Vermont Structural Slate concern in Fair Haven. His mother, Mrs. Alice Collins, lives in Weare, N. H., and his father, the late Rollin Manley, was a railroad inspector.

Sergt. Manley, according to a delayed news dispatch from Army headquarters in the Burma area, battled the defective parachute from 6000 feet. When he jumped from the bomber, which was out of gas after completing a mission, he pulled the ripcord, but nothing happened. Tumbling end over end, he reached around to the dot fasteners which prevented the chute flaps from opening. He ripped them open and after a total fall of more than a mile the silk flared and he landed unharmed, the announcement revealed. All other members of the crew landed without incident.

An investigation disclosed that Manley in his haste to go on the mission, had unknowingly picked up a defective parachute, which was to have been repaired, instead of his own chute.

His wife, who had not known of the incident, until she read it in the Herald yesterday, despite weekly letters received from her husband, said last night that Sergt. Manley "was never one to give in."

"I'll be he was cussin' mad," she commented, "and that probably helped him to retain consciousness." In a recent letter he told his wife and son that he had received a medal, but failed to elaborate on the statement. Mrs. Manley and Bobby hope that Sergt. Manley will arrive home soon on an anticipated furlough.

Sergt. Manley has two brothers in the service.

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Pfc. Murray Home After 3 Invasions

Pfc. Stephen I. Murray, 25, of Clementwood is home after nearly three years overseas service with the First infantry division, during which he participated in three invasions and four battles. Wounded in the leg when a truck in which he was riding in Germany last fall struck a mine, he is now able to be about on crutches. He rejoined his outfit last February after having been hospitalized in England.



PFC. STEPHEN I. MURRAY.

Pfc. Murray served in Africa, Sicily and France and wears the Bronze Star and Good Conduct medal. He entered the service on October 24, 1940, training at Fort Devens, Mass., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Murray of Clementwood.

During his overseas service, Pfc. Murray met two Rutland men, John Keefe and Edward Woods.

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Pvt. Joseph McNulty, son of Leonard McNulty of Center street, is recovering in Holland where he was hospitalized following action in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Pvt. McNulty took part in the invasion of France. He enlisted in 1942 and went overseas last December.

Rutland Airman Saved From Starvation by Head Hunters

Sgt. Harold R. Manley, Radio-Gunner, 10th Air Force, Tells of Harrowing Experiences After Being Shot Down Over Burmese Jungle by Japs; Bailed Out Twice From Wrecked Planes.

By HELEN McLAUGHLIN.

If you don't believe that Staff Sgt. Harold R. Manley, 33, radio-gunner of a Mitchell B-25 medium bomber crew with the 10th Air force in India, now at his home at 17½ Jackson avenue, leads a charmed life, we'll list a few recent incidents in his fighting career in the China-Burma-India theater.

He bailed out twice from planes wrecked by Jap ack-ack fire.

He crash landed with members of his crew, without receiving a scratch.

Bullets from a Jap machine-gun, as his craft was engaged in "skip bombing," passed through the plane two inches from his head.

On another occasion, over Mandalay, a shell from a Jap 20 mm. gun exploded in an ammunition box beside him in his bomber and burned out without inflicting injury on the crew after the resulting chaos put 82 holes in the ship in three seconds.

In a jump from a bomber at 6000 feet, he battled a defective parachute, and, tumbling end over end, succeeded in repairing it so that the silk umbrella opened within 1000 feet of the ground.

He landed in a tree between territory occupied on one side by Jap troops and on the other by Naga "head-hunters" and was conducted to safety and fed by the latter.

Extracting such details from Sgt. Manley was no light task. He reminds you that the Allied warfare against the Japs in the Burma road

bomber crew, which wore a helmet and flyer's jacket.

The battle in mid-air, when Sgt. Manley wore the defective parachute; occurred after the bomber crew had fulfilled its mission by bombing Jap railroad lines. Near the target, Jap "ack-ack" passed through the gasoline tank, and when it was evident that the gas supply soon would be exhausted, the crew bailed out. Later the men all returned safely to their base. The pilot, who stayed with the plane longer than the rest, returned three days later than the others.

When he obeyed the order to jump, at 6000 feet, Sgt. Manley pulled the ripcord but nothing happened. As he dropped through the air toward the ground at a hair-raising speed, the Rutland man reached around to the dot fasteners which prevented the chute flaps from opening. He ripped them open and, after a fall of more than a mile, the silk flared and he landed, unharmed, in a tree resembling the Vermont maple, the airman says.

He roamed for three days without food in the Burma jungle, at a point between the Jap lines and the "head hunter's" villages. Manley said that after that time he came upon two natives, who had come out into the jungle for wild banana trees for transplanting in their com-

mountainous terrain and jungles, not to mention Jap treachery.

Sgt. Manley's blonde wife, Alice, and their nine-year-old son, Bobby, who had not seen him for more than 20 months, are mighty glad to have him home. They have many souvenirs, including a piece of the troublesome parachute, which incidentally was not the airman's own, but one which had been left for repairs which he picked up by mistake when starting out on a mission.

Bobby has Indian coins, pieces of Jap shrapnel, propaganda leaflets written in Burmese dropped by Allied planes over India, the bullet which missed his father's head and Mrs. Manley treasures a blue silk scarf, embroidered in silver and bearing a reproduction of the Taj Mahal.

Bobby Manley is delighted with stories his father tells about "Duffy," the grass monkey, mascot of the

munities.

The American airman is always equipped with 100 silver rupees, in his belt, and it has been found that to the natives money talks, Sgt. Manley says, adding that the little dark men seem to care not who wins the war, but take the side which offers the most compensation.

The Naga "head hunters," as they are called, persuaded by rupees, (one apiece) escorted Sgt. Manley to their village, where they were taken to the bamboo hut of the "Baboo," or chief, of the village. Here he was received with friendliness and with the aid of signs and a little of the Bengali language which he had learned from barracks attendants, he asked for food and a chance to rest. He was treated to rice, which he showed the natives how to cook, and boiled wild chicken, seasoned with jungle herbs. The food was tasty and the first he had since he jumped from the plane, Sgt. Manley said.

The "baboo" (Sgt. Manley isn't sure how it is spelled) watched over him while he slept. For his hospitality, he received five rupees. The natives whom Manley came upon in the jungle helped him find his way back to camp. Two days out of the village, he met the navigator of his crew.

The Naga tribesmen are about five feet tall, with fuzzy hair, nearly black. The women are dressed in skirts, and wear great silver coins from nearby silver mines around their necks. The men wear loin cloths. The first village to which he was taken had 10 or 12 huts and beyond this was found a trail leading to a "decent town of about 500 people, governed by British representatives, and educated natives." Here Sgt. Manley slept in the police station.

There was a happy re-union with the other crewmen when they all reached their base, unscratched.

On the other occasion when the crew members were forced to bail out because their gasoline engine was shot out, Sgt. Manley landed within 25 miles of his station.

Sgt. Manley is home until early next month when he will leave for Atlantic City, N. J., for further assignment. He was employed as a truck driver in Fair Haven before he was inducted at Rutland on May 24, 1942, on his son's seventh birthday. After the war, he plans to enter the trucking business with a "buddy" on his bomber crew.

Sgt. Manley attended Granville, N. Y., High school where he was an athlete.

An Army news source states that he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in medium bombardment missions." The citation adds that: "The execution of his assigned duties with coolness and courage under enemy fire is worthy of the best traditions of the Army Air force."



The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gennero Migliore of 31 Howe street are seeing plenty of action in World War II, according to the young men's records. Corp. Patsey and Pfc. Frank, 23, the first two at the left above, are twins and are thousands of miles apart. Corp. Patsey is at Keesler Field, Miss., with a medical detachment of the Army Air force, while his twin was in the invasions of Africa, Sicily and the Italian mainland and has been wounded. He is at present in an African general hospital for treatment of a broken leg. While in Italy the young man visited his mother's relatives and took Charles Moscatello of this city with him. At the right of the twins is Master Sergt. Louis, 31, who is in the Southwest Pacific area. Pvt. Luigi, at extreme right, who is the "baby" of the fighting Migliores, is 18 and stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., with an anti-aircraft unit. A fifth son, Fred, expects to enter service soon.

Tomorrow Far Enough to Hope For at Front, Pfc. Morello Says

"When you're in the front lines, you don't think much about post-war, you just pray that you'll be alive tomorrow," says Pfc. Gene Morello, 29, who has been in the Pacific area for 37 months, taking part in four major battles. He is spending a furlough at his home, 127 Granger street.

Although Pfc. Morello left Rutland with the Vermont National Guard, he went overseas about four months before them. He was in the same regiment at Pfc. George Batchelder and T/4 Donald M. Bossa, but in a different company. He said that all the time he was overseas he hadn't seen another Rutland boy.

A member of the 135th Medical regiment, Pfc. Morello explains that his outfit followed the infantry in battle and administered first aid to front line casualties. A barber prior to entering service, Morello says he cut the hair of patients and wounded men, in addition to his other duties.

Speaking of front line fighting, the Rutland soldier calls it "Kind o' rugged." He says he and his buddies realized that they were fighting for freedom and thought they knew what it meant—but he just couldn't understand what the Japs are fighting for. When captured, he says, they acted "mighty scared."

"Most of them are undernourished and poorly dressed," he states.

Born in Italy about 40 miles from Naples, Pfc. Morello plans, after the war, to go to Italy to bring his mother, who is still there, to this country. His father, Dominic, who lives on Granger street and has been employed by the city for 24 years, has returned to his native land of Italy four times. He has a son and son-in-law who served with the Italian army for a while.

Pfc. Morello, who took part in two battles for New Guinea, the battle of Dutch New Guinea and Luzon, was employed as barber at Bellomo's and Joe Celentano's Barber shops before joining the Army.

Pfc. Raymond Mainville, Jr., Second Local Youth in Two Days to Be Listed 'Killed'

Word that a second Rutland boy who has been listed as "missing" was killed in action on November 27, 1943, came in a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Mainville of Lincoln avenue, stating that the death of their son, Pfc. Raymond J. Mainville, jr., occurred on that date.

Just a day earlier the family of Pvt. Edward W. Pelkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pelkey of Cleveland avenue, received similar word that their son had been killed in action on last November 27, after months during which he was listed as missing.

The fact of their only son's death was established for Mr. and Mrs. Mainville about four and one-half months after the telegram stating that he was missing arrived.

Both men were in the North African war theater according to the War department and it is believed both were in the same Army Air force group.

Pfc. Mainville enlisted in the Army Air force on March 22, 1943, and had just completed a course in aviation mechanics at the Park Air college in St. Louis. Shortly after arriving overseas he wrote the last letter received by his family stating that he had just returned to camp after attending mass and that everything was "OK".

He was graduated from Rutland High school in June, 1942, in his senior year playing on the varsity football team.

One sister, Bernice Mainville, is now a student nurse at the Fanny Allen hospital in Winooski.

Pfc. Mainville's father is service manager of Stowell's garage on South Main street.



PFC. R. J. MAINVILLE, JR.

Army Tells How S. Sergt. Manley Fell Mile Before Chute Opened

Mystery surrounds the exact identity of a Staff Sergt. Harold R. Manley, whose address is given by headquarters of the Tenth Army Air force, in the Burma area, as "Rutland, Vl.," but there's no doubt at all that he's a very lucky man.

A delayed news dispatch reveals that Staff Sergt. Manley, after battling a defective parachute from 6000 feet in the air to within a hundred feet of the ground before his "silk umbrella" opened, one night over Burma recently, landed unharmed. He returned to his base safely and is continuing his aerial warfare against the Japs, the announcement, dated May 1, says.

Details of the hair-raising incident as given by the Army state that "the mission called for some bridge-busting with bombs carried by a Tenth United States Army Air Force Mitchell medium bomber, operating in the Strategic Air force, Eastern Air command. Visibility was extremely poor and it took the plane a long time to find the target. The pilot had every reason to turn

back, but rather than go on a fruitless mission, he searched until he found the target, which was bombed successfully.

"Returning home, it became evident that because of the dwindling gas supply the plane would never be able to make it, and the pilot ordered the crew to bail out. Everyone, except Manley, landed without incident.

"Manley jumped and pulled his ripcord, but nothing happened. Tumbling end over end, the moonlit ground was reaching up at him at a terrifying speed. Reaching around to the dot fasteners which prevented the chute flaps from opening, Manley ripped them open and after a total fall of more than a mile, the silk flared and he landed unharmed.

"Investigation into the matter revealed that Manley, in his haste to go on the mission, had inadvertently picked up a defective parachute, one that was to be repaired, and not his own chute."

A check with the Manley families

of Rutland listed in the city directory fail to throw light on Sergt. Manley's Rutland address.

George McKenzie, Rutland, Rescued by Destroyer From Burning Liner Wakefield

Former Member of Rutland High School Faculty, Who
Has Been Engaged in Construction Work in Euro-
pean War Zone, Has Thrilling Experience While on
Way Home; Escaped Flames in Shirtsleeves.

Navy Gives Details Of Fire At Sea

George McKenzie of Church street, former member of the Rutland High school faculty who has been engaged in construction work in the European war zone, returned to Rutland yesterday from one of the greatest adventures of his life—rescue from the burning liner Wakefield on the Atlantic last Thursday night.

The Navy yesterday reported that the Wakefield, formerly the \$10,000,000 luxury liner Manhattan, was swept by fire at sea and 1600 passengers and crew members rescued.

A rescuing destroyer brought McKenzie and others to an "East Coast Port."

McKenzie was no deck in his shirt-sleeves when the fire broke out and was unable to get to his stateroom for more clothes or any of his belongings except what he had on his back.

"Until you've tried it, you have no idea how many kinks and cramps you can get from sleeping on a coil of rope on a destroyer's deck," he said last night. "But neither have you any idea of how good it was to be safe on a U. S. destroyer after seeing that burning hulk that had been your home.

"Many of those aboard the Wakefield had little else to keep them warm than their life belts," he added, "and while those are not much for looks or comfort in ordinary circumstances, that three-inch layer of cork helped a lot to keep the wind off when you didn't have much else around you."

Those who like to chirp "It's a small world, after all" will find something to chirp about in the fact that Jack Bonville of Fair Haven, one of McKenzie's former students, was one of the Wakefield's crew and spoke to him frequently during the voyage, while another former student, Richard Lovett of Rutland, was on the destroyer that rescued McKenzie and brought him to land.

Except for adding his bit of ad-

miration for the coolness and courage shown by all involved in the disaster, McKenzie last night could add nothing—for publication—to the details of the burning as released from Washington. He did say, however, that so far as he himself was concerned, and he supposed most of the other civilians were the same, things happened so fast and were over so soon "that nobody had time to be scared until we were all through it and safe."

Flames Sweep Vessel

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (AP).—Tales of cool heroism and daring rescue were told today by survivors of the Navy transport Wakefield—once the \$10,000,000 liner Manhattan—gutted last Thursday night by a fire which swept through that great vessel as though it had been "a barn full of hay."

First word of the fire, which occurred somewhere on the Atlantic while the transport was traveling in convoy to an East coast port, was given out by the Navy here. It said a preliminary check-up indicated that all the crew and passengers, totalling about 1600, had been saved, although several were injured.

The passengers included civilians, and presumably sailors, while the vessel had a normal crew of 600 to

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Capt. T. Douglas McKay Dies In Army Hospital After Operation

Capt. Thomas Douglas McKay, 29, well-known Rutland Army officer and attorney, died on Sunday, March 12, at an Army hospital in England following an operation, exactly three years from the date he left this city for service with the Vermont National Guard.

A telegram from the War department bringing news of Capt. McKay's death was received Saturday by his mother, Mrs. Thomas W. McKay of Kendall avenue.

Capt. McKay's widow and their two small sons are making their home at 64 Church street.

The young Army officer is a native of Rutland, and was educated at Mount St. Joseph's grade school and Rutland High school. He was graduated from Fordham university and from Georgetown university law school. After he was admitted to the Vermont bar he practiced law with Attorney Christopher A. Webber in this city up to the time he began training with Company A of the Vermont National Guard, enlisting in November, 1940.

He is the first member of the Rutland County Bar association to die in the service in World war II. He was a member of the Vermont Bar association, Rutland council, Knights of Columbus and the Rutland agrie of Eagles.

Capt. McKay trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and at Camp Shelby, Miss. At the latter place he was appointed assistant trial judge advocate for the 43d division, general court-martial. He was transferred to another division in May of the same year and saw service at Camp Swift, Tex., and at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He was promoted to the rank of captain on November 28, 1943. He was assigned to overseas duty last summer and was stationed in England and Northern Ireland.

A few months ago he was stricken with meningitis in Ireland, and was later operated upon for mastoid.

After a period of convalescence, he went to England, in preparation to returning to the United States for a rest. While there he was again stricken by illness, and a brain operation was performed before his death.



CAPT. T. DOUGLAS MCKAY.

Besides his wife, the former Miss Patricia Bracken, to whom he was married on April 6, 1942, at Rochester, N. Y., he leaves two sons, Thomas Joseph, born March 13, 1943, at Fort Sam Houston hospital, Tex., and Ricardo Andrew, born February 13 of this year; his mother; two sisters, Mrs. P. Barrett Levins and Miss Mary Catherine McKay; one brother, Richard C. McKay of Cleveland, O., and several nieces and nephews.

Capt. McKay's father was the late Thomas W. McKay, well-known showman and theater owner here for many years.

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Center Rutland Soldier Likes India; Shave Costs Four Cents

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miglis of Center Rutland received a letter recently from their son, Pvt. George Miglis, and learned that he is stationed somewhere in India.

It is the first letter they have received from him in three months. Miglis, who attended Mount Saint Joseph academy, enlisted in Rutland eight months ago.

In his letter he writes about the people, their customs and the life in India. He mentions having received a letter from a member of his family two days after he had reached his destination.

Pvt. Miglis writes: "Yes, it was a surprise to find ourselves here. The American influence is very strong here. The people are swell as everywhere else throughout the world. There were a great number of English here.

"I have made the acquaintance of several soldiers who have already

received their baptism of fire at the Maginot line and Dunkirk. Although they told me they were there they refused to comment on it.

"When I arrived in India I saw that things weren't too different from what I had already read about or heard. Natives come to our company which is, incidently, not too uncomfortable. They will give a haircut for four annas, 8c, and shave for two annas, 4c.

"The cow is the sacred animal and has the right to go or do as it pleases. I've seen it enter buildings and not be molested. The work animal here is the camel which makes a curious sight pulling a wagon.

"The barracks we have sort of remind me of the type you see in the movies that house the Foreign Legion.

"Write me a nice long letter and as the English say, 'Carry On.'"



Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Mazzariello of 22 Meadow street have three sons serving under the Stars and Stripes: Boatswain's Mate L/c Joseph, 31, (left) has recently arrived in the States from Puerto Rico and is stationed at Newport, R. I.; Torpedoman's Mate 2/c Anthony, 27, (center), of Springfield, Mass., is now in New York waiting reassignment after having been in Wales and Pvt. Dominic, 22, (right) of the Air Transport command, is stationed in Alberta, Canada. The Mazzariellos have two other sons, James and Thomas of Rutland, and three daughters, Mrs. John DeMasi of White Plains, N. Y., Mrs. Maurice Becchia and Mrs. Louis Pagnoni of Springfield, Mass.



Herald Photo—Merusi.

The 94 points S/Sgt. Joseph P. Mangan of Rutland has accumulated while in Europe is more than enough to qualify him for an honorable discharge from the Army but as far as he is concerned those 94 points can be crossed off—he's anxious now to try his luck out on the Japs.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Mangan, Home On Furlough, Asks Crack at Japs

World War II isn't going to be a prolonged affair if Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Mangan of 85 South Main street, veteran of 35 air raids over Germany, has anything to say about it.

Home on 30-day furlough, and eligible for an honorable discharge because he has a total of 94 points, nine over the number qualifying a serviceman to leave the armed forces of his country with the commendation of completing a job well done, Sgt. Mangan says he is anxious to get into combat against the Japs in the Pacific.

When friends inquire why Sgt. Mangan wants to see action in a second theater of war, the 24-year-old airman who arrived home this week replies, "Well, we want this fight finished, don't we?"

Sgt. Mangan is the son of Mrs. A. J. Mangan of this city. She has two other sons in the European theater of operations, Pfc. Bernard Mangan, 28, who was twice wounded in action in Luxembourg, and Pvt. James Mangan, 20, who is now in Germany. Both are with the infantry.

Sgt. Mangan is reluctant to men-

tion any of his experiences. He was tail gunner of a B-24 bomber crew, and three times was shot down by "Jerry" flak, each time in sub-zero weather—once over Brussels, once over Leige and the last time outside of Paris. Each time he was returned safely to his base. None of his crew was ever injured in combat.

Sgt. Mangan wears the Air medal, with five Oak Leaf clusters and the Presidential unit citation. He is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy, class of 1939, and was a member of the football team. He was affiliated with the Vermont State Guard for three years before he volunteered for service in the Air corps in 1940.

During his months overseas, Sgt. Mangan has met only one Rutland serviceman, Lt. John S. Creed of East Washington street, a neighbor and fellow MSJ alumnus, who was killed in action while piloting a Flying Fortress over Germany in April. The pair met by coincidence shortly after Christmas in a hotel in Russell Square in London.

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Africa Army Life Described By Lieut. W. 'Ken' Nichols

Former City Engineer Tells of Native Houseboy Sit- uation in Jungle.

Mosquitoes that don't fly more than knee high and frequent doses of atabrine, the Army's new substitute for quinine as a malaria preventive, are just part of the Army life in Africa described by Lieut. W. K. ("Ken") Nichols, former city engineer, in a letter to John L. Cootey of South Main street received from "Somewhere in Africa" less than 10 days after it was mailed.

"I am now on water supply investigation work," Nichols wrote. "I stay only two or three days at a station. Water is some problem here—dirty, muddy, sluggish streams are polluted by native villages along the banks.

"I test water after I have added lime, alum and chlorine, make suggestions, write a report and move onward. Maybe I'll hit Berlin before long!

"This country is very poor. The natives run naked in the 'bush' but give way to conventions in the cities—so-called—by wrapping cloth about their nether parts. Good wages are from \$4 to \$5 per month. Americans spoil them, so 'tis said, by paying from \$13 to \$18. My houseboy receives three pounds six shillings, or about \$13.50 at the current local exchange, and supports two wives! His latest purchase is a four-year-old whom he will marry when she is 10.

"I tip him two shillings a week, or 40 cents. In return, he washes and irons my clothes, makes my bed,



LIEUT. W. K. NICHOLS.

shines my shoes and runs my errands. (I'm going to cut my wife's allowance!)

"Correct dress for officers here is shorts, long wool hose, short-sleeved shirts and sun helmets. I never knew before that my knees were so pretty!

"We are dosed with atabrine twice weekly to prevent malaria. These mosquitoes bite only between the top of the shoes and about midway of the knee joint. At night when we are outside we wear special boots and, of course, we sleep under nets.

"Our quarters are very comfortable. All the furniture is mahogany, made by the natives. It is beautiful stuff and I long to take some home with me."

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Above is Pfc. Charles Needham, jr., for whom a military memorial service will be held in the Middlebury Congregational church on Sunday at 3 o'clock. Pfc. Needham, whose sister, Mrs. Francis Burton, lives on Baxter street in Rutland, died of accidental gunshot wounds in Germany on May 2. Besides his sister he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Middlebury, three other sisters and four brothers, including S/Sgt. Warren Needham, who arrived in Middlebury yesterday from Panama to attend the memorial service.

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In a successful race with the stork, in which he beat the bird by three hours, Pfc. Richard R. Neary, "thumbed" his way to Rutland Thursday from Windsor Locks, Conn., where he is stationed at Bradley field. The young soldier arrived here at 4 o'clock, in the afternoon in ample time to greet his son, Robert Richard, after his entrance into the world at the Rutland hospital, three hours later. The trip was made via the "hitch-hike" method because prompt train connections were not available, he explained. The young soldier said last night that his wife and young son both were doing "nicely." Pfc. Neary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Neary of Easterly avenue.

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T/Sgt. Francis J. O'Shea is back at home with his mother, Mrs. Dennis E. O'Shea of Killington avenue, after receiving a medical discharge from the Army Air corps. Sgt. O'Shea had served in the Air corps for nearly five years, including 43 months of duty in Panama and the South Pacific area. During that time he had amassed 104 points toward his discharge, including five for the Bronze Star awarded him.



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Ensign Joseph Orzel of Center Rutland, a naval aviator, has been transferred from Norfolk, Va., to an island base off the Gulf of Mexico. In the Naval service since July, 1941, Orzel was commissioned at Jacksonville, Fla., on July 5.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21, 1942.



Pvt. Carl W. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Olson of West street, is attending an aircraft armorer's school at Lowry field near Denver, Colo. Pvt. Olson was inducted into service last August. His wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Haynes, is living at the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Haynes of West Rutland.

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Pvt. J. Emmett O'Brien, above, who is a son of Mrs. Christine M. O'Brien of 97 Harrington avenue, has been assigned to Lawry field, Denver, Colo., as an aircraft armorer. He is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy and Holy Cross college. He enlisted July 20, 1942.

OCTOBER 25, 1944.

Flying Cross Award Made To Sgt. M. O'Kelley

A Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat has been awarded to Tech. Sgt. Mitchel W. O'Kelley of 69½ Baxter street, who already held the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.



T./SGT. M. W. O'KELLEY.

Sgt. O'Kelley has participated in 31 bombing missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe since his arrival overseas in April, 1944, having flown over Brunswick, Bremen, Ludwigshaven, Gotha, Munich, and Politz. He also bombarded ground troops on D-Day.

A radio-operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, he was a milk plant worker, employed by the Dairymen's League, inc., before entering service. His mother, Mrs. Lillian O'Kelley, lives at 69½ Baxter street.

The War department citation states Sgt. O'Kelley displayed great courage and skill and, thereby, materially aided in the success of the missions in which he participated.



Pfc. Miles Pratico, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Natale Pratico of 164 Spruce street, who was recently reported a prisoner of war held by Germany, is shown above at left, with his two brothers, Seaman Second Class Philip, 19, of the Navy (center) and Pvt. Pasquale, 25, of the Army, at right. Pfc. Pratico was inducted into service a year ago and has been in the European area for six months. His family learned that he was a prisoner of war through a message received from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service of the Federal Communications commission; the report has not yet been officially confirmed by the War department.

**JOSEPH J. POLCARO GIVEN
PROMOTION BY NAVY.**

Joseph James Polcaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Polcaro of Granger street, has been advanced to seaman 1/c, U.S.N.R., aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic fleet, it has been announced. Polcaro also has seen service in the South Pacific, aboard a destroyer which was awarded the Presidential Unit citation for an action in the Solomons in 1943. Before entering the service, Polcaro was employed by the Patch-Wegner company of this city.

6/28/45

Pfc. Miles Pratico Writes Home From Nazi War Prisoner Camp

Mrs. Natale Pratico of 164 Spruce street was one of the happiest women in Rutland yesterday as she and her husband received a letter from their son, Pfc. Miles Pratico—from a German prison camp. Pfc. Pratico was reported missing in action in Italy on February 20, but the family kept the telegram from Mrs. Pratico and only today did she realize that he had been reported missing.

In March the family received a message from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service of the Federal Communications commission stating that the name of Miles Pratico had been mentioned in an enemy broadcast as a prisoner of war, but the message was never confirmed.

Great was Mrs. Pratico's relief when today's mail brought the letter, in which her son said:

"A few lines to let you know that I am coming along fine and in the best of health. I've

been receiving a Red Cross parcel weekly and am very proud of the grand job they do to help out the prisoners of war. So Mom, what ever you do, don't forget the Red Cross. Give my regards to all!"



PFC. MILES PRATICO

Pfc. Pratico, 21, former Rutland High school athlete, was inducted into the service 15 months ago and has been in the European theater of war for the last nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratico have two other sons in the service, Philip, seaman second class, somewhere in the South Pacific, Pvt. Patsy, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., who is expected home soon on a furlough, and a third son, Louis, who is joining the Navy here Monday.

FEBRUARY 27, 1945.



Eugene E. Peer, Norwich university graduate, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Peer of 172 Lincoln avenue, has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. He is now with an Aviation Engineers battalion in England where he has been stationed for 32 months. Capt. Peer graduated from Rutland High school in 1938, entering college that year. He went into service with the 43d division, receiving his initial training at Camp Blanding, Fla., later being commissioned at Fort Belvoir, Va.

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Paul R. Pearo, 19, of 91 Stratton Road, has brothers serving in both the Army and Navy, but he's wearing the uniform of the United States Marine corps. Pearo's brother, Clarence, is in the Army, while his brother, Clyde, is in the Navy. He attended Rutland High school, where he played basketball. Prior to his enlistment in the Marine corps, Pearo was employed as an assembler by Fellows Gear Shaper company in Springfield.

JANUARY 4, 1946.



First Class Petty Officer Robert A. Paul of the United States Navy SeaBees, now stationed on Samar in the Philippine islands, has been promoted to machinist's mate first class, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Helen K. Paul of 114 Park avenue. Paul, a power operator for the Rutland Department of Public works before entering the service, has been made construction foreman in his area.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1942.



Corp. Albert Paul, 23, above, is now serving with the United States Army Air corps as radio operator on a Flying Fortress in England, according to word received by his father, Domenick C. Paul of Howe street. Commonly addressed by his nickname, "Sully," the young corporal was a well-known athlete at Mount St. Joseph academy, before enlisting with the Wallingford Ambulance company. He transferred to the Air corps several months ago.

UST 25, 1942.



Sergt. John Roscoe Ploof, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ploof of 118 Park street, who has not been heard from since January, is not a casualty, as far as can be determined, according to an announcement by the Red Cross National office. His location, however, cannot be revealed.

11/26/42

RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Pfc. Norman F. Pratt has arrived at an unstated destination in the Pacific war area, according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. James Taylor of Adams street, with whom he made his home before entering the service. A former member of Company A, Vermont National Guard, Pfc. Pratt was employed by the Rutland Grocery company.



Dr. Henry L. Pratt, above, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pratt of this city, has been commissioned as a first lieutenant in the United States Army and will leave Monday for Fort Jackson, S. C. Lieut. Pratt, who is a graduate of Rutland High school, was graduated from the University of Vermont, with honors, and from the Medical school of the university. He interned at the Worcester City hospital in Worcester, Mass.

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**LT. (J.G.) WILLIAM I. PYE
NOW HAS NAVY DISCHARGE.**

Lt. (j.g.) William I. Pye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Pye of Williams street, has been released from active service in the Navy after 27 months' service, the Boston Naval Separation center has announced. Lt. Pye, who served 13 months in the Pacific area as a P. T. boat skipper, lives in Burlington with his wife and two children. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and plans to re-enter the employ of the Travelers Fire Insurance company.

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Pvt. Barbara A. Purdy of the Women's Army corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery R. Purdy of 37 Morse place, has recently arrived at the Herington Army Airfield, Herington, Kan., where she is assigned in base operations. Pvt. Purdy is a graduate of Rutland High school and attended Wheelock college, Boston, before enlisting in the service.

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Sergt. Ralph J. Piscopo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Piscopo of State street, has arrived safely in England. A former Rutland High school student, Piscopo is now a radio operator.

APRIL 11, 1945.



Cpl. Ralph Piscopo of Rutland had this picture snapped by an Army photographer at a rest camp in Rome where he was spending a vacation after 32 months overseas as a radio operator in the Army Air forces. Before entering the Army, he was a bookkeeper for the Vermont Novelty company.

11/19/1942



Joseph M. Previe, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Previe of 122 Pearl street, is on duty in Boston, having completed his Marine corps basic training at Parris Island, S. C. Previe attended St. Peter's school and Mount St. Joseph academy, where he was active in sports. He also attended the NYA training school at Quoddy Village, Me., prior to his enlistment.

NOVEMBER 8, 1945.



Pvt. Barbara A. Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery R. Purdy of Morse place, has been discharged from the Women's Army corps at Camp Beale, Cal., following 14 months of service in the WAC branch of the U. S. Army Air forces. Pvt. Purdy was an operations clerk and flight dispatcher at the Herington, Kans., Army Air Field.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 18, 1945.

Capt. Pope Tackles Jap

Makes Capture of Nip Soldier
But Gets Bitten, During
Mindanao Fighting.

WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY
(VICTORY) DIVISION ON MIN-
DANAO (By Mail)—Capt. Rufus A.
Pope, of RUTLAND, VT., captured
a lurking Jap with a football tackle
and was bitten in the process.



CAPT. RUFUS A. POPE.

A major made a routine reconnaissance of a site selected for the command post of this Victory division's 19th Infantry regiment, then engaged in rooting Japs from caves on the lower slopes of 9000-foot Mount Apo. He spotted a camouflaged Jap and called for Capt. Pope.

Capt. Pope slipped to the rear of the pumpkin-yellow Nip, plunged forward and grabbed his arms. The Jap squealed like a trussed-up pig. The captain held the squirming fellow and the Nip bit at his captor's hands. But then the major appeared and the Jap became polite.

The prisoner was "loaded for bear." Capt. Pope relieved him of a charged magnetic mine, two hand grenades, a bandolier of ammunition and a loaded heavy rifle.

Capt. Pope is the husband of Mrs. Marjorie Pope, who lives on Meadow street with their two sons and two daughters. Capt. Pope has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received at Hollandia, New Guinea, in May, 1944, and also wears the Bronze Star medal. He entered the service in 1941 with the Vermont National Guard.

Sgt. Pratico Keeps B-17's In Condition

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England (By Mail). —Sgt. John P. Pratico, 23, of RUTLAND, VT., was recently photographed while at work assembling an oil cooler for a B-17 Flying Fortress between Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Nazi Germany.



SGT. JOHN P. PRATICO

As an aircraft mechanic Sgt. Pratico is responsible for helping to keep the airplane in his charge prepared for combat missions. He is often required to toil many extra hours in maintaining and checking the big bomber.

The sergeant is a member of the 34th Bombardment group, a unit of the Third Air division, the division cited by the president for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Sgt. Pratico is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Demetrio Pratico, 137 Post street, Rutland. A 1939 graduate of Rutland High school, the sergeant was employed as a clerk in Bridgeport, Conn., before entering the Army Air forces in July, 1942.

Pfc. Pratico, Freed, Sends V-Mail Home

Mr and Mrs. Natale Pratico of 164 Spruce street were overjoyed yesterday when they received a V-mail letter from their son, Pfc. Miles Pratico, who has been a German prisoner of war since February, 1944. The letter was written from somewhere in France and Pfc. Pratico said that "I may be home before this letter reaches you." He also said that he had sent them a cablegram and another letter but the family said yesterday that these had not been received.



PFC. MILES PRATICO.

Pfc. Pratico was reported as missing in action in Italy on February 20, 1944. In March of the same year the family received a message from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service of the Federal Communications commission stating that the name of Miles Pratico had been mentioned as a prisoner of war, but the message never was officially confirmed.

On June 6, the family received a letter from Pfc. Pratico telling them that he was a German prisoner of war and that he was well and in the best of health. He also mentioned his Red Cross parcels which he received weekly.

He is 21 years old, and a former Rutland High school athlete. He was inducted into service approximately 27 months ago and has been in the European theater for about two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratico have three other sons in the service, S2/c Louis A., who has seen several months duty at sea in the North Atlantic; Sgt. Patrick, who has been convalescing in the Lovell General hospital at Fort Devens, Mass.; and Capt. Pascal Pratico, who has been stationed for more than a year in New Guinea with an Engineers' unit of which he is company commander.

One Afternoon Makes Veterans Of Gun Crew

5/25/45

Robert E. Putnam, 20, seaman first class, serving aboard a United States Air Carrier in the Pacific, is a member of a Navy gun crew which won the distinction of becoming tried and proved veterans of rough-and-tumble warfare in one dramatic afternoon recently.



SI/C R. E. PUTNAM.

According to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Putnam of River street, through the Fleet Home Town Distribution center in Chicago, the gunners on the afternoon in question repulsed six separate attacks, nipped a Jap torpedo plane making a beeline run for a large carrier nearby, sent the raider crashing in flames a few feet from its target and got two more dive bombers and probably a light bomber.

Also a member of the same gun crew is Seaman 1/c Claude V. Taggart, 20, whose wife lives in Center Rutland.

Seaman Putnam has one brother in the service, Gilbert Putnam, who is also on duty with the Navy in the Pacific waters.

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"It's Tea at 5," Says Soldier To His Mother

It's tea at 5 o'clock, by jove.

Because American soldiers may tell little or nothing about their military life in England, mothers in the United States are learning about the every-day incidents in the lives of their sons who have gone overseas.



CORP. E. R. PRAY.

In her first letter from her son, Corp. Technician Edward R. Pray, 23, Mrs. Edward Pray of 41 Engrem avenue learned among other things that he has tea with his buddies each afternoon at 5 o'clock.

At his present post "somewhere in England," he has learned to count English money. Pray could reveal nothing about his duties with a headquarters unit in the service of supply.

At the end of a long period, during which Mrs. Pray heard nothing from her son, a card came to her written from Brooklyn, N. Y., presumably on the day he sailed from the United States. On the day following receipt of the card, Mrs. Pray received a cablegram from her son in England in which he said, "Arrived safely" and "All is well."

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Ellery R. Purdy, Jr., Overseas 17 Months On Carrier, Promoted

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery R. Purdy of Morse place have just received word that their son, Lt. (j.g.) Ellery R. Purdy, jr., USNR, was promoted to that rank on July 1.



LT. E. R. PURDY, JR.

Purdy, who has been overseas for 17 months, is an officer aboard the aircraft carrier whose planes first landed on Okinawa. He has crossed the Pacific ocean seven times, the equator eight times and the international dateline, 13 times.

The Rutland boy is a graduate of Rutland High school and of Phillips Exeter academy and was a senior at Harvard university when he received his commission as ensign in the Navy on February 27, 1944. He entered the Navy in November, 1942.

During his tour of overseas duty Purdy has been in New Guinea, Guadalcanal, Guam and the New Hebrides, Admiralty, McKenzie and Marshall islands and Pearl Harbor.

His sister, Pfc. Barbara Purdy of the Women's Army corps, is stationed at Herington Army Air field, Herington, Kan., where she is a swimming instructor. Pfc. Purdy has been in the WACS for 10 months.

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Two-Ocean Service In Rutland Sailor's 15 Months in Navy

Petty Officer 3/c Alfred J. Polzello has covered a great deal of territory since entering the Navy a year and three months ago, having served on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, aboard an aircraft carrier. He served in the Marshall Islands campaign and considered it a smashing success, he stated in a letter to his wife, Mrs. Alice Polzello, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Polzello of 303 West street.



P. O. 3/c A. J. POLZELLO.

"The most fun we have aboard the carrier is watching the Jap planes hurtle out of the sky in flames," he said in a letter.

Petty Officer Polzello, who was recently promoted to his present rank, attended Mount St. Joseph academy and prior to entering the Navy was employed by Pratt & Whitney in Hartford, Conn.

He received his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., and after being stationed in Philadelphia, was assigned to an aircraft carrier.

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S 2/c Louis A. Pratico (left) and Sgt. Patrick Pratico, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Natale Pratico of 164 Spruce street, are shown with a Nazi flag that was brought home by Sgt. Pratico. This was the first time the brothers had met in 12 months.. Seaman Pratico has been home on leave after several months of sea duty in the North Atlantic. Sgt. Pratico is convalescing in the Lovell General hospital at Fort Devens, Mass.



S/Sgt. Charles T. Patch of Rutland, formerly a taxi driver and later a travelling salesman, who recently completed 31 months of overseas duty, nearly all of it in the New Hebrides where this picture was taken, has adapted himself to the "thumb" method of travel since entering the Army, according to headquarters of his base, where he is an ammunition supply sergeant. (Story on this page.)

Sgt. C. Patch Saves Feet With Thumb

WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES IN THE NEW HEBRIDES (By Mail).—Staff Sgt. Charles T. Patch of RUTLAND, VT., isn't so sure about the saying that "an Army travels on its stomach." He has come to the doleful conclusion that the Army travels on its feet like anyone else, this impression being heightened by his Infantry basic training in 1941, at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and the subsequent Louisiana maneuvers in which he participated.

While many another man in the Army has found that feet can be used for walking purposes, Sgt. Patch uncovered this startling revelation with deeper regret than most, for prior to his entry into the service in March, 1941, the sergeant was a traveling salesman and drove a company car for this organization for two years, spending most of his time behind the steering wheel. Previously he had worked for two years for Red's Taxi service in Rutland—and walking, for a taxi driver, "sets a bad example for the traveling public."

In keeping with old habit, the sergeant rides as much as possible in the Army and is an ardent admirer of the authorized hitch-hiker system in use by our armed forces.

After leaving Camp Wheeler, Sgt. Patch was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Ord, Cal. He embarked for overseas duty in October, 1942, and has recently completed 31 months of duty outside the United States. He has been in the New Hebrides for nearly all of this length of time. His present duties are those of an ammunition supply sergeant.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Patch, 52A Edger-ton street, Rutland.



Pfc. Miles Pratico, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Natale Pratico of 164 Spruce street, who was recently reported a prisoner of war held by Germany, is shown above at left, with his two brothers, Seaman Second Class Phillip, 19, of the Navy (center) and Pvt. Pasquale, 25, of the Army, at right. Pfc. Pratico was inducted into service a year ago and has been in the European area for six months. His family learned that he was a prisoner of war through a message received from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service of the Federal Communications commission; the report has not yet been officially confirmed by the War department.

RUTLAND DAILY HERALD, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9, 1945.



Cpl. Francis J. Pitaniello (left), one of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitaniello of Forest street, who are in the United States Army Air force, will leave today for a new assignment after spending a 14-day furlough at his home. He is an aerial gunner on a B-29. His brothers in the service are (continuing left to right): Cpl. Donald J. Pitaniello, an airplane mechanic at Chanute field, Ill.; T/Sgt. Henry F. Pitaniello, who is stationed at Eglin field, Fla., a non-commissioned officer in charge of Air corps supply and maintenance; and S/Sgt. Carmine R. Pitaniello, who is with the 9th Air Corps Engineers at Frankfort, Germany, and expects to return home in September.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD, TUESDAY

Staff Sergt. Albert D. Paul With Fortress Group 2 Years Overseas

Staff Sgt. Albert D. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick C. Paul of 35 Howe street, completed two years of overseas duty with his Flying Fortress unit on August 6, thus becoming one of the real veterans of the war in the European and Mediterranean theaters.

His Fortress group was activated at Geiger Field, Wash., shortly after Pearl Harbor, rushed through training and sent overseas to England on August 6, 1942. There the planes participated in the first All-American air attacks against Germany and German-held territory.

With the African invasion, the group moved south to play a key part in that campaign. Despite the most trying of living conditions and almost constant enemy attacks the men of the unit did outstanding work, according to an Army dispatch received here by mail.

Moving to an Italian base early in December of 1943, the unit took part in the first co-ordinated raids against central Germany from Italy and England.

Men of the group have twice received distinguished unit citations, presented during a recent ceremony by Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Army Air force. One of these was given for a "brilliant and daring attack which destroyed an enemy ammunition convoy" during the closing stages of the Tunisian cam-



STAFF SGT. ALBERT PAUL.

paign; the other for the first co-ordinated attack by the Eighth and 15th Air forces against Regensburg, Germany.

With better than 300 missions to its credit, the group is probably best known for leading the first raid on Rome and for the sinking of the Italian heavy cruiser Trieste.



Sgt. Joseph R. Paul of 35 Howe street, former tailor in this city, is shown plying his trade at Fort Lewis, Wash., measuring Dischargee T/Sgt. John Nelson of Tacoma, Wash., for a uniform. A story accompanying the Signal corps photo states that Sgt. Paul is gathering material for the Army's Public Relations section on the new tailor shop, which is manned by a German prisoner of war who was a "meister" hand tailor in a fashionable men's clothing store in Vienna.



Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pelkey of Cleveland avenue have five sons in the armed forces—following the example of their father, who is a veteran of World War I. The five are, above, left to right, Pvt. Edward W. Pelkey, missing in action in the North African area since November 22, 1943; Corp. Raymond W. Pelkey, at Camp Rucker, Ala.; and Pvt. Mirl G. Pelkey, at Camp Wheeler, Ga.; and at right, S 2-c Oliver F. Pelkey, Fargo barracks, Boston and, extreme right, FC 2-c Arthur R. Pelkey, Newport, R. I.



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Pvt. E. W. Pelkey, Earlier Listed as Missing, Now Is Reported Killed in Action

"The Secretary of War asks that I assure you of his deep regret in the loss of your son, Pvt. Edward W. Pelkey, who has previously been reported missing in action, according to a report received at the War department that established the fact that your's son's death occurred on the 27th of November, 1943."

That was the telegram received yesterday from the Army's adjutant general by Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pelkey of 50 Cleveland avenue. Pvt. Pelkey had been reported missing in action in the North African war theater on November 26, 1943, exactly one month after being sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelkey have four other sons in the service, Corp. Raymond W. Pelkey of Camp Rucker, Ala., who is now home on a furlough, Pvt. Mirl G. Pelkey of Camp Wheeler, Ga., Seaman Second Class Oliver F. Pelkey of Fargo barracks, Boston, Mass., and FC3/c Arthur R. Pelkey of Newport, R. I.

Pvt. Edward W. Pelkey entered government service on April 18, 1943, and received his Army Air corps ground crew training at Miami, Fla., Richmond, Va., and Berkeley, Cal. He attended Rutland public schools and Rutland High school and was a chauffeur in this



PVT. EDWARD W. PELKEY.

city prior to entering the service.

Pvt. Pelkey's father was in the United States Army for 16½ years and served overseas in World War I for 26 months as a "top" sergeant in Company I, 104th United States Infantry, 26th division.



Herald Photo.

Sgt. John Pappas, waist gunner on a Liberator bomber who is back in the United States after completing 51 missions over Europe, shows some of his medals to his mother, Mrs. Alice Pappas, while they were here visiting at the home of Thomas Boretos on Woodstock avenue. (Story on this page.)

Vermont Sights and Fall Smells Delight Returned B-24 Gunner

To Sgt. John Pappas, back after 50 missions over South Europe, war-rampied Rutland seems a bit strange but the Vermont countryside and the smell of burning leaves are the most delightful things in the world.

The sergeant has been through a lot since last seeing the Green Mountains in their Fall foliage about three years ago, and the last months have been the hardest. On D-day, having already hung up 50 combat trips and won the Distinguished Flying cross and Air medal with three clusters, he went out on No. 51 just for good measure.

About the 51st, Sgt. Pappas sees it this way: "The first few missions, things are all very impersonal and don't mean too much. The flyer looks out the windows and watches where the bombs hit. But after you get going, your attitude changes, the nervous strain grows tremendous and you sweat out the last ones. Once you get 50 missions the relief is great. With the burden off his shoulders, Sgt. Pappas made the extra mission on D-day, which he wanted to "get on on."

Pappas was a radio operator and waist gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator called "Junior" because the pilot became a father the day the crew left the states last March. Flying from Italy, "Junior" bombed targets all through Romania and Yugoslavia including the Ploesti oil fields about seven times. "The crew became like brothers; the finest bunch of fellows you could fly with," Pappas says.

It was over Ploesti, "the toughest of all the missions" that the whole crew won the Distinguished Flying cross.

They got in over the target in the blackest kind of flak.

The smoke from the flak was coming in the waist windows and was like some monster on the wing. Weating the plane with a club. One hit plenty of times, but no one hurt until the navigator

was hit in the leg pretty badly. Then we fell out of formation and got jumped by fighters. We destroyed five and drove five away."

The crew was decorated, however, for staying with the ship afterwards, with the hydraulic and electric systems both shot out and bringing "Junior" home. Pappas repaired the command set and pieced together the radio log codes "like picture puzzles."

A blown-out tire threw them off the runway when they got home. "You never saw guys pile out so fast," Pappas remembers. "The ship had 147 holes in it. We never thought we'd get back, but you hate to get caught."

Pappas had his closest call over Munich when the first burst of flak outside the window made a seven-inch hole beside his foot. He felt something the matter with his foot and was scared to look. Then looking down he saw his boot was sliced up and down.

There was nothing the matter with the foot, but the gunner's oxygen line was cut and his parachute was torn. Ripping off his mask he crawled forward past the bomb bay to get the auxiliary chute. But at 22,000 feet the mask is vital and Pappas never knew what hit him until the engineer got a mask back on him and revived him.

It was just after the crew had returned from a rest leave—one of two missions that Pappas missed—that their ship was lost. "Junior" went down over Munich with part of another crew, including a bunkmate. The ship burst into flames.

Most of the original crew of the ship are back in this country with their 50 missions complete, Pappas says. But few crews stay intact.

Sgt. Pappas visited his uncle, Thomas Boretos of Woodstock avenue, and has just left for Somerville, Mass., where his mother, Mrs. Alice Pappas, until recently of Rutland, now lives. At 22 he wants to keep on flying, but not combat flying. He would like to be a pilot and try for the aviation cadets.

Rutland Man Who Battled Hitler Gangs in Munich In '20s Happy Nazi End Near

Alfred H. Richards Recalls Hitler's Abortive Beer Cellar Putsch in 1923, Says He Never Doubted That Some Day Nazis Would Be Destroyed; He and Wife Left Berlin in 1935; Hears Radio Announce Hitler Dead.

Alfred H. Richards of 19-A East Center street, who fought Nazi gangs in Munich streets prior to the 1923 Hitler beer cellar putsch which failed, listened last night to radio reports of Munich's fall, rumors of Hitler's death and of panic and revolution in the Reich and said:

"I never doubted but that the Nazi gangster government would break down. Despite its apparent strength, anything founded on lies couldn't last, especially in the 20th century. I regret only that there has been so much bloodshed, sacrifice and sorrow before the end."

It was while he was listening to Radio Atlantik, the secret German freedom station, for news of Munich's fall that Richards and his attractive wife, a native of Berlin, picked up the special "flash" that Hitler had died in a bunker in Berlin with Goebbels by his side. The Herald later received reports by way of Stockholm and Bern that the Fuehrer was dead. None were confirmed, however.

Richards, a public accountant, born in Posen east of Berlin, attended the University of Munich and was employed in that city when Hitler laid the foundation for his Brown Shirt movement.

He said he well remembered the day that Hitler, Hess, Gen. Ludendorff, Premier Kamm, Gen. Lossow, a police commissioner who was later double-crossed by the party, and other Nazis attempted to set up a

national government in Munich, after seizing several of the important office buildings in the city. Fighting was in the center of the city, the Odeonsplatz, he said. The Brown Shirts marched down the main street, the Ludwigstrasse, and would have succeeded locally, were it not for the Reichswehr, the German army.

"I was on the scene a short while after the putsch was put down, and the National Socialists had been sent fleeing. Hitler went into hiding."

Later Hitler, Hess and others of his followers were arrested and Hitler was sent to Landsberg prison, where he wrote "Mein Kampf."

During the beer cellar putsch fighting was done only by the Brown Shirts and the Reichswehr. The Nazis had occupied several buildings, including the ministry of defense, held by Roehm, close friend of Hitler, who surrendered when the Reichswehr began to direct artillery fire on the top of the structure.

Hitler never actively took part in the street fighting, Richards said. He often gave speeches from the Circus Krone, permanent winter quarters in Munich. He was able to pick up followers from all walks of life, especially the discontented and students, and from the lower middle class. Instead of suppressing him, the Republic was too weak. They let him appeal to the courts, and he got away with what he wanted to do. After he came to power he burned books, issued new ones, there was no legal code, law was founded on so-called history sentiment of the people open to any interpretation, there were no trials, just plain gangsterism.

"No heckling was allowed at Hitler's meetings. The Brown Shirts beat up any dissenters. Police stood by and said it would be a 'breach of the peace' if they interfered. Everywhere that Hitler spoke he expressed the words that the 'man of the street' wanted to hear. There was a certain mysticism, too. Some people had mental reservations, but he didn't allow opposition. Anyone who didn't agree was beaten up or treated worse in some cases."

Richards was in Berlin at the time of the notorious Hitler "blood purge" in June, 1934, when the German leader killed off some of his closest associates, including Roehm.

"The people in Berlin on the night of the purge, in talking among themselves thought that it was a bad thing for Hitler to kill Roehm, Gen. Schleicher and his wife and others," Richards said.

"That night Hitler gave a radio speech, and believe it or not the very people who were telling me the previous night that they believed Hitler had done wrong, were praising and condoning the purge the next day."

Even in 1933 and 1934 concentration camp atrocities were going on,

Mr. and Mrs. Richards stated. Truckloads of political prisoners were unloaded into camps in all parts of Germany. "The democracies didn't want to believe it, it was so foreign to their own conception of human rights," Mrs. Richards added.

Mrs. Richards was a secretary in a big insurance firm in Berlin when she met her husband who was head of the accounting department of the Berlin office of the largest European radio concern, Phillips, which had a huge factory in Eindhoven, Holland. Mrs. Richards has had no word from her mother in several years, the last message stating that she had gone with a relative to Danzig in 1943 led her to believe that her father had died.

The couple, stating that "the political situation made conditions no longer endurable for them," left Germany in 1935 with \$10 in their pocket, leaving all household furnishings and other possessions.

Richards, who served with the German army in the First World war, almost got into the American Army in World War II. He volunteered for officers' training in the anti-aircraft section of the U. S. Army in 1942 in Columbus, O., and was accepted. He was preparing to enter the service when the president's order limited entry into the Army to men under 38. He was 42.

One of the foremost examples of how ridiculous the Nazi ideas forced on Germany by Hitler, says Richards, looking back at a time when German soldiers are surrendering by the hundreds of thousands, is that a true Nazi soldier never surrenders.

Shortly after Hitler came into power, he said, there was a showing in Berlin of the picture, "All Quiet on the Western Front," one of its scenes depicting one German soldier who surrendered. Because this scene was shown, Richards said, there was a huge demonstration all over Berlin. White mice were turned loose in the theater and "stink bombs" added to the chaos, forcing the theater to discontinue the picture. The movie was branded as "American lying propaganda," and Nazi propagandists asserted "that it was not true that any German ever surrendered in the last war."

"What we will have to prevent in the future is that another so-called leader may stand up in Germany and make the German people believe that no German soldier surrendered in 1944 or 1945 and that Germany was defeated by a stab in the back. That again may be presented to the Germans as the 'historical truth' and be made into the basis for another war by cunning politicians," Richards said.

Richards came to Rutland as controller of Rutland Electric Products division, of Great American Industries, and is now practicing accountancy in this city. He is also preparing for the state examination as public certified accountant.

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Lt. Col. Ryan Back Home

Returns With Family to Rutland After Three Years in Service.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles F. Ryan have arrived at their home on Engrem avenue from Trenton, N. J., after an absence of three years. Lt. Col. Ryan returned two weeks ago from overseas where he handled foreign claims for the War department in the European theater of operations.



LT. COL. C. F. RYAN.

The Rutland officer participated in the campaigns of northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. His last assignment was as president of the Foreign Claims commission attached to the headquarters of the European theater of operations at Paris and Frankfurt. He had jurisdiction over claims arising in all European countries including the neutral countries of Sweden and Switzerland.

Claim services were connected with the various armies, making investigations of damage caused by Americans through auto accidents, thefts, pilfering and carelessness, so as to retain good will of the occupied countries and to make reparation for any destruction or loss. The commission also did business with various foreign government offices.

Lt. Col. Ryan has received his honorable discharge from service and will resume his law practice with the firm of Fenton, Wing & Morse, of which he is a partner. He was assistant United States District attorney at the time he was called into active service. He has been a member of the National Guard since 1920. He served with the state Selective Service headquarters at Montpellier early in the war and was chief of the classification division of the New Jersey Selective Service at Trenton before he left for overseas duty.

Returning to Rutland with Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ryan were their four children, Thomas, Charlene, Margaret and Martha.

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Navy Lists Donald Romano As Missing in Pacific War

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Romano, Granger St., Notified Son Unaccounted For.

Tragedy in the far-off Pacific struck home in Rutland again Saturday when the Navy department notified Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Romano of 147 Granger street that their son, 3d Class Petty Officer Donald C. Romano, 21, was "missing in action in the performance of his duty."



DONALD C. ROMANO.

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**Lt. Romano Parachuted
 Safely From Stricken**

Lt. Albert P. Romano, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Romano of 17 Meadow street, was a member of a crew of seven of an army four-engine Liberator bomber which crashed to earth and burst into flames near Raleigh, S. C., on December 12, his parents learned yesterday.

In a letter to his mother and father, Lt. Romano described floating down through snow and darkness, from an altitude of 19,000 feet at a temperature of 30 degrees below zero, finally landing safely after 10 minutes.



LT. ALBERT P. ROMANO.

Newspaper accounts from Henderson, S. C., where the crash occurred, stated that the big ship was based at Langley field, Va., and was on a routine training flight. Lt. Romano is a bombardier instructor at Langley field and has been in the service three years.

"About 8 p. m.," the news story said, "the ship was heard circling over Henderson. No lights were burning on it. A few minutes later, a tremendous flash was seen in the sky over the Henderson-Oxford highway. The ship struck near the highway and at once set fire to undergrowth and trees on both sides of the roadway. A big crowd gathered and fought the flames to prevent nearby houses from catching. Telephone lines along the roadway

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Lt. Col. Ryan Arrives at An Overseas Base

Lt. Col. Charles F. Ryan, widely known Rutland lawyer and army officer, has arrived safely overseas, presumably in the European area, it was learned yesterday.



LT. COL. CHAS. F. RYAN.

Lt. Col. Ryan, whose home is at 55 Engrem avenue, this city, but who has been attached to the judge advocate generals department, Selective Service headquarters at Trenton, N. J., for two and a half years, left there in June, and after taking a course at the Army's Foreign Claims school at Cumberland university, Lebanon, Tenn., was shipped out of the country.

The Rutland officer, for many years associated with the law firm of Fenton, Wing & Morse before reporting for active service in 1941, was also assistant United States district attorney for Vermont. Before being assigned to New Jersey he was attached to the state Selective Service Headquarters at Montpelier. He enlisted in the 172d infantry, Vermont National Guard as a private more than 20 years ago. He is a former grand knight of Rutland council, Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. Ryan and their two children are remaining in Trenton for the present.

Dr. Ross, Out Of Navy, Back At Home Here

10/16/45

Dr. Stewart Ross of Litchfield avenue, who entered the Navy on June 1, 1941 and advanced to the rank of captain—equivalent to a colonel in the Army—has been released from the service and is again at home with his family here, it was learned yesterday with announcement that he is opening an office in the Service building on Merchants Row.



CAPT. STEWART ROSS.

Released from active duty at the Navy separation center in Boston on September 25, Dr. Ross spent a few days "on vacation" with his family, he said last night, before returning here, where he has already resumed his duties as a member of the senior surgical staff of Rutland hospital.

Born in West Rutland, Dr. Ross practiced in this city for 20 years after graduating from Middlebury college and Harvard Medical school and interning at Beverly, Mass. His Navy service included assignments at the Naval hospitals in Philadelphia and Portsmouth, Va., before going overseas where he spent 19 months at the Royal Naval hospital in Dartmouth, England.

Last summer he returned to this country and served for a time at Fort Eustis, Va., before being promoted to captain and assigned as chief of surgery at the Naval hospital in Annapolis, Md.—an unusual honor, it was stated at the time, for a reserve officer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ross

Dr. Ross Is Promoted To Navy Captain

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Dr. Stewart Ross, Rutland surgeon, who has been in the Navy since June 1, 1941, has just been promoted to the rank of captain—equivalent to the Army rank of colonel—and assigned as chief of surgery at the Naval hospital in Annapolis, Md., according to word reaching his wife and two sons at their home on Litchfield avenue.



CAPT. STEWART ROSS.

Born in West Rutland, Capt. Ross has practiced in this city for 20 years after graduating from Middlebury college and Harvard Medical school and interning in Beverly, Mass. On entering the Navy service he was assigned to the Philadelphia Naval hospital, later going to the one at Portsmouth, Va., from which he was sent overseas.

For 19 months he was stationed at the Royal Naval hospital at Dartmouth, England, returning about two months ago to Fort Eustis, Va., where he was stationed at the time of his present promotion and re-assignment.

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LAND DAILY HERALD,



Frank H. Routier, Rutland High school graduate of a few years ago who enlisted in one of the Navy's Seabee—construction battalion—units six months ago, is today "somewhere on the Pacific," according to word which has just reached his father, E. C. Routier of 205 State street.

Dr. George J. Ravit
Becomes Lieutenant,
Naval Medical Corps

8/25/42

Dr. George J. Ravit of Temple street has been formally commissioned a lieutenant, senior grade, in the Naval Medical corps reserves special service at the headquarters of the First Naval district in Boston, it was announced yesterday. He is to report for duty September 18 at the National Naval Medical institute in Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Ravit, who has been practicing in Rutland for the past four years, was born in Boston. He attended the Boston Latin school, was graduated from Harvard college and from Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia in 1931. He served as health officer at the Boston City hospital for two years and was connected for a time with the New England Medical center in Boston, serving as assistant physician in the medical department. He has also been an instructor in the theory and practice of medicine at Tufts College Medical school.

Dr. Ravit is married and has one daughter.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1945.



Pfc. Clarence G. Reynolds, 22, who was wounded in the right leg December 1, in Germany, has arrived in this country, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Reynolds of Killington avenue. Enlisting in the service May 26, 1942, Pfc. Reynolds trained with a tank division at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Polk, La., and Fort Benning, Ga., and went overseas in June, 1944. He went from England to France, into Holland and from there to Germany. Before entering the service he was employed in Charleston, S. C.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Staff Sergt. Joseph Romano, former Rutland High school student, is among the Vermonters with the United States Army in Australia. Sergt. Romano, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Louis V. Ricci of Washington street, is a son of Mrs. Felicia Romano of New York, formerly of Rutland, and a nephew of City Judge Angelo J. Spero. Prior to enlistment in the Quartermaster's division in 1940, he was assistant manager of the F. W. Woolworth company store in Barre.

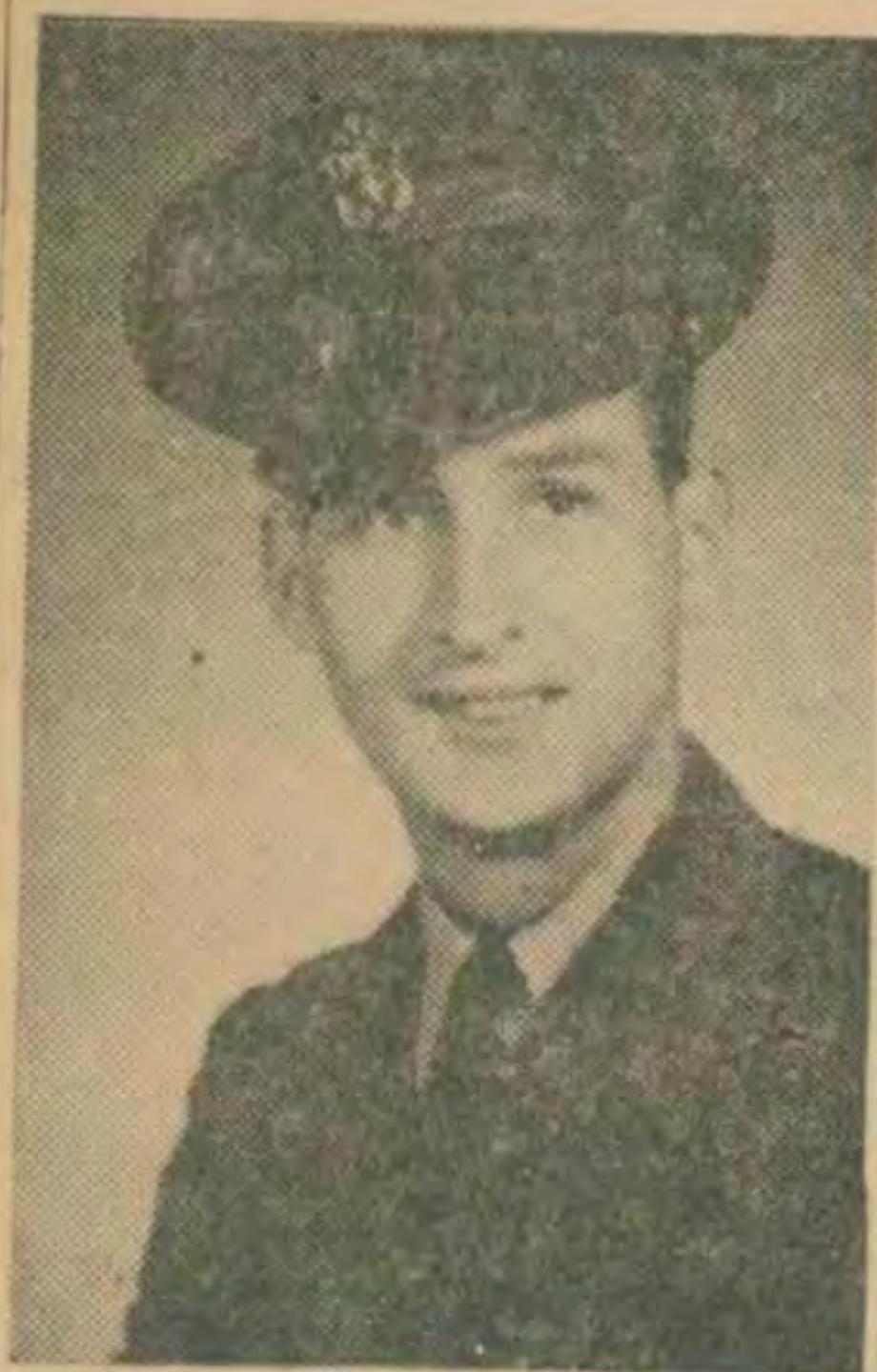
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Pvt. Paul A. Rizziere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rizziere of South street, recently graduated from an Ohio aeronautical school and is now stationed at an Air corps base in Columbus, O. Before entering the Army last June he was a tailor in this city for 13 years.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Chief Petty Officer Maurice D. Roberge has been promoted to that rank from storekeeper in the United States Naval Reserve, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie L. Langelier of 68 Pine street. After receiving his boot training at Newport, R. I., Roberge was stationed at Panama as a petty officer and has seen service also in Equador, in Coco Solo, Africa, in Italy and in Southern France. Roberge wrote his family that he had met Lt. Lloyd Flaitz, former teacher and coach at Rutland High school, as well as "Sally" Paul in Rome.

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Pvt. Richard Rollins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rollins of East Pittsford, who is in Great Britain, is shown above. He attended Barstow Memorial school in Chittenden and was inducted in the Army May 11. He was stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., before going to Great Britain. He is in the medical division and according to a cablegram received by his parents is "well and safe."

Pfc. R. Rogers Of Johnson Dies Of His Wounds

Pfc. Royal Rogers of Johnson died in France on October 24 as the result of wounds received in Germany on October 15, according to word received by his wife, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. Calvin F. Gee of Fairview avenue.

Pfc. Rogers enlisted October 12, 1940 and went overseas with Mrs. Gee's husband, Sgt. Calvin Gee, in August, 1942. They were together in Germany at the time Pfc. Rogers was wounded. They also participated in the North Africa and Sicilian campaigns and took part in the invasion of Normandy.

Pfc. Rogers has a son, Larry, whom he has never seen. Besides his wife and parents he has a brother in service, Sgt. Harold Rogers, now in Oklahoma, and a brother, Peter and sister, Nancy of Johnson.

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Sgt. Winston E. Riley, 26, son of Mrs. Clifford Gates of 80 Harrington avenue, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in the line of duty, his family has learned. A waist gunner on the Flying Fortress "White Angel," Sgt. Riley has completed several missions over industrial targets in Nazi-occupied countries. He has been in the service for a year and a half and was formerly employed by Jones & Lamson in Springfield.

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Lt. Charles J. Reardon, Army chaplain, and a priest of the Jesuit order for the past six years, is now serving in the European theater, attached to an Army Engineers group, according to word received by his father, Timothy A. Reardon of River street. Lt. Reardon has two brothers in the service, Capt. William J. Reardon, former Rutland dentist, serving in Burma, and Sgt. Francis J. Reardon, stationed in Italy. Both Lt. Reardon and Capt. Reardon were noted Rutland High school and college athletes.

Dr. G. J. Ravit Promoted To Lt. Commander

Dr. George J. Ravit, whose wife and daughter, Betsy, live at 93 Temple street, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Navy, according to word received from headquarters of the Pacific fleet. Dr. Ravit is in the Medical corps and is on the staff of Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, commander of the Service force.



LT. COMDR. G. J. RAVIT.

At present, Lt. Comdr. Ravit is engaged in epidemic control, a task to which he has been assigned since his entry into the Navy in August, 1942. The epidemiology unit of which he is medical officer recently received a citation for its work in the Pacific area.

Dr. Ravit, who is a graduate of Harvard university and Jefferson Medical school, practiced in this city before entering service. Mrs. Ravit is the former Clarice Mintzer.

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Lieut. Jack G. Ramp, shown above, has arrived safely in Great Britain, according to a cable received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Demyre Ramp of Temple street. Lieut. Ramp, who enlisted in March, 1941, was recently graduated from an officers' training school in Indiantown Gap, Pa.

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Pfc. Roucoulet Hurt on Feb. 10 In Luxembourg

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roucoulet of 57 Forest street were informed yesterday by the War department that their son, Pfc. Louis E. Roucoulet, who will be 22 years old on March 1, was slightly wounded in action on February 10 in Luxembourg.



PFC. LOUIS E. ROUCOULET.

He has three brothers in the service, Cpl. William, in Belgium; Pvt. Edward, in Iran; and Eugene, baker, second class, in the South Pacific.

Pfc. Louis Roucoulet attended the Rutland schools and was employed in a Rutland glove factory at the time he entered the service.



The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roucoulet of 4 Clover street—at top, left, Corp. William in England; right, Pfc. Edward in Iran (Persia); below, left, Pfc. Louis in England and Seaman Second Class Eugene, on sea duty—may be widely scattered but two of them managed to meet in England recently, according to word received by their parents. Pfc. Louis and Corp. William had a reunion in England, when one of the boys recognized his brother, who was writing a letter home in a service club. A fifth son, Francis, is a private first class in the Vermont State Guard.

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Marine Sgt. Walter Reilly Is Freed from Jap Confinement

Rutland Woman Notified Her Son, Captured Pearl Harbor Day, Has Been Released from Jap Prison.

Sgt. Walter J. Reilly, 33, United States Marines, who has been a prisoner of war of the Japanese since the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, has been liberated, his mother, Mrs. Mina Reilly of 60 Bellevue avenue, learned shortly before 9 o'clock last night in a telegram from Washington.

The message, signed by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine corps commandant, said: "Pleased to inform you of the liberation from Japanese custody of your son, Sgt. Walter J. Reilly of the U. S. Marine corps. He arrived at Guam on September 24. He sends the following message: "My Dearest Mother: Wonderful treatment here. Will be home soon. Love to all. Meet you as planned. Walter."

Sgt. Reilly enlisted in the Marines in 1936. He was captured while serving with a small band of Leathernecks at Tientsin, Northern



SGT. WALTER J. REILLY.

China, at the outbreak of war. He has been interned at Shanghai.

The meeting he referred to has been mentioned by him in the few communications he has been able to send his mother during his imprisonment. He had asked her to be waiting for him at San Francisco when he first arrived in the United States. Mrs. Reilly says she doubts that it will be possible for her to comply with this wish.

But—"I am so happy I can hardly speak," she said last night.



Herald Photo.

Meeting for the first time in two years, two Navy brothers, Maurice David Roberge, 25, storekeeper first class, who has been serving in South America for two years, and Leonard A. Roberge, 29, yeoman first class, stationed at Casco Bay, Me., staged a reunion at their home here this week. They are the sons of Mrs. Elie L. Langelier of 68 Pine street. Leonard is the husband of the former Agnes Connor of Meadow street, and before entering the service was sales clerk for the Central Vermont Public Service corporation. Maurice, formerly employed by the Killington National bank, has been stationed in Ecuador and the Panama Canal zone. Rationing is new to him, because the system is not necessary in Panama. And the government there, he says, is financed by a national lottery.

Home Good to T-Sgt. Radigan After 27 Months' Service Abroad

Home after 27 months overseas, where he participated in four major campaigns, Tech. Sgt. Joseph F. Radigan, 39, of 109 Robbins street, is emphatic in his declaration that Vermont is the best place on the globe in which to live, and he is certain that after the war he will never leave his native state for any length of time.

A well-known attorney here before he entered the Army nearly four years ago, Tech. Sgt. Radigan looks forward to resuming his practice of law in the post-war era. He has come through many battles in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, where he served with the field artillery, without serious injury. He is spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Mary Radigan, before leaving for the Army rest camp at Lake Placid, N. Y.

The Rutland soldier has served under Gen. Bradley, Gen. Patten and Gen. Clark. He participated in the landings at Oran, the drive to Tunisia, during which he took part in the famous Battle of Faid pass, and also participated in the action at Bizerte. He took part in the invasion of Sicily and fought in the engagements at Gela and Messina. Sgt. Radigan also figured in the invasion of Italy, and his outfit supported the Eighth army, following it from the "toe" of Italy, up the boot to Cassino.

Sgt. Radigan has little to say about his many experiences. He recalls, however, the bloody battle of Faid pass, where Germans broke through American lines. American losses were heavy, he said, and a number of men originally report-

ed missing returned to their posts after several days, disguised as Arabs. They had traded their Army garb for the turbans and robes of the Arabs, who fed them on goat's milk.

His artillery outfit also supported the French Moroccan division known as the "Goums" in Italy. This group is unique in that it is accompanied by its women.

Since last April, Sgt. Radigan has been on special duty in Italy, until the time he was sent home under the Army rotation program.

During his months overseas he has met only a few Rutland men. He was re-united four times with his brother, Capt. Harold P. Radigan, former Vermont engineer, who has assisted in the work of reconstructing captured Axis ports.

Sgt. Radigan recalls meeting Capt. Francis Flanagan, army chaplain, Capt. John Corcoran and Capt. Frank Crowley, all former Rutland friends, at a military hospital at Caserta, Italy; George Phalen of the U. S. Navy, a former neighbor, at a port in Italy; "Joe" Fucci, of River street, at Naples, and Staff Sgt. "Joe" Simonds, as they were both leaving a little church near Venofro, Italy, after attending mass. He also met Lt. Col. Newell Lee of this city who has since returned to the United States, and had planned a meeting with Raymond Mooney, a member of the Rutland police force before he entered Army service. The latter meeting did not materialize because Radigan was sent home before the date the two had agreed upon.

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Among the Rutland young men who are training with the Leathernecks is Pvt. John Joseph Segale, above, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Segale of 23 Pine street. He enlisted recently at Albany, N. Y., in the Marine corps and is now at the Parris Island, S. C., base.

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OTLAND DAILY HERALD,



Pfc. Nelson Soulia, son of Mrs. Ralph Moscatello of 87 Plain street, who earned the Combat Infantryman badge while fighting in Italy, has been assigned to Military Police duty in that country, following his recovery from an attack of "trench foot" which disabled him from combat service. Pfc. Soulia, who was employed in The Herald composing room before entering the service, told his mother in a recent letter that MP work seems to agree with him—he is putting on weight.

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PLAND DAILY HERALD, N

Sgt. C. W. Skuba Of Proctor Is Hurt in Action

(Special to The Herald.)

PROCTOR, Dec. 10.—Staff Sgt. Charles W. Skuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Skuba of Proctor and a former outstanding athlete at Proctor High school, was wounded in action in Germany on November 18.



SGT. CHARLES SKUBA.

Sgt. Skuba is a Proctor High school graduate and went overseas last March. He wears the Combat Infantryman's badge. His brother, Staff Sgt. Michael Skuba, is in the Pacific theater.



Sergt. Leo M. Stevens, 28, has arrived safely somewhere in the Pacific war area, according to word received by his wife, a resident of Post street. Sergt. Stevens left Rutland in 1941 with the Vermont National Guard, in which he had served nine years.

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Second Lieut. Donald Beman Stratton, son of Harold B. Stratton of Lincoln avenue, Rutland, is an assistant adjutant at the Orlando, Fla., air base, a unit of the Army Air forces school of applied tactics. Lieut. Stratton graduated from Rutland High school in 1939 and previous to his enlistment was employed as an auto salesman.

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TUESDAY MORNING, SEP



Shown above is Charles Stanzione, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stanzione of 61 Cherry street, who has been promoted to a second class petty officer. Stanzione is stationed in California and is a Navy pharmacist. The Rutland youth enlisted in October, 1940.

Can't a Fireman See a General?

In this man's Army and Navy there's no reason why a fireman, first class, shouldn't hobnob with a major general who happens to be his uncle—and stranger coincidences have happened than that Rutland relatives in different services should meet halfway 'round the world. At least, those are the views of Frederick C. Stearns, jr., the fireman, first class, in the case.



FREDERICK C. STEARNS, JR.

Stearns recently graduated from the Class "A" Service School of Basic Engineering at the Naval Training station at Great Lakes, Ill., and has been assigned to the Pacific fleet. He hopes in his travels to meet his uncle, Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing, who is now somewhere in the South Pacific area.

Stearns' wife and infant daughter, Bonnie Lee, while he is in service are making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Stearns, sr., of Prospect street.

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Pfc. Herrick Stearns, 23, of 120 Park street, above, is a member of the 82d All-American Airborne Infantry division now policing Berlin. He participated in the battles of the Belgian bulge, the Siegfried line, the Rhineland, and the Ruhr pocket. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge, the Presidential Unit citation, the Good Conduct medal, and the European theater ribbon. The son of Mrs. Howard C. Stearns of this city, he was in the wholesale meat business before entering service. Pfc. Stearns' wife, the former Miss Joan Norton, lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton of 82 Grove street.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JANU

Local Soldier Plays 'Santa' For Italians

S/Sgt. Howard Shortsleeve acted as Santa Claus "somewhere in Italy," according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Ernest Shortsleeves of 49 Elm street.

When Sgt. Shortsleeve and members of his ordnance company received their Christmas packages they resolved to divide with children and older people near their base. Sgt. Shortsleeve was chosen as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts.

Sgt. Shortsleeve has been in two major battles at Anzio and Naples. His twin brother, Sgt. Harold Shortsleeve, was home on furlough over the holidays and has now returned to White Sulphur Springs, Ashford General hospital, W. Va. He was seriously wounded in France on July 7.

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Sgt. Shortsleeve Is Seriously Hurt In French Action

News that one of her fighting sons, Sgt. Harold Shortsleeve, 25, was seriously wounded in action in France on July 7, was received yesterday by Mrs. Anna Shortsleeve of 49 Allen street.

At the same time Mrs. Shortsleeve received a letter from Harold's twin, Sgt. Howard Shortsleeve, stating that the latter, who has been in combat in Italy for several months, has had an audience with Pope Pius XII, who addressed the Rutland serviceman as "American son."

Sgt. Harold Shortsleeve was among the American doughboys who wiped out the last pockets of resistance in Cherbourg on June 26. He was encountered by Don Whitehead, Associated Press news correspondent as the Rutlander was directing his heavy machinegun squad in the work of cleaning their weapons in a French wine shop, before moving up to take part in action against Nazi pillboxes, among the last to keep blasting away at Allied troops. He had entered France with the invasion forces.

In a letter received on June 28, Sgt. Shortsleeve told his mother, "I was one of the lucky guys to get in on the invasion. We've got the Jerries on the run and are going to keep them that way."



T/Sgt. Richard F. Seward, son of Deputy Fire Chief and Mrs. Frank H. Seward of Lafayette street, shown above, who is a radio operator-gunner connected with a B-25 Mitchell bomber base in the European theater, recently completed his 50th combat mission and has been awarded an air medal for meritorious achievement. Sgt. Seward has been in the Mediterranean area since July, 1941. Before entering service, he was a teller at the Killington National bank in this city.

Family Hears From General, Jap Prisoner

"I am well. Hope my prayers are answered and find my family and relatives well," are the words of Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Selleck written to his wife in Alexandria, Va., and relayed to his sister, Mrs. George A. Sabin of Summer street.

Brig. Gen. Selleck is a prisoner of the Japanese on Formosa, having been interned at the fall of the Philippines. The letter was written on Mother's Day and just arrived in Virginia. This is the first communication the family has had since October, when they received mail written many months previous.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabin have also had a card from their son, Lt. (j.g.) Howard A. Sabin who is with an amphibious branch of the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific and a card from their son-in-law Pfc. Richard DeCell who is fighting in Germany with the First Army.

His wife, Mrs. Mildred Sabin DeCell, a teacher in Chester, has received the Purple Heart medal from her husband, who was awarded it for wounds received in France. He also wears the Combat Infantryman's badge.

Miss Ruth Jane Sabin, another daughter who is located in Boston, is a Red Cross nurse waiting her call to serve in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sabin are expecting their daughters home for Christmas.

APRIL 4, 1945.

Service at 4 Tomorrow

Memorial to S 1/C Glenn E. Smith to Be Held at St. Paul's Church.

Memorial services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Paul's Universalist church for Seaman 1/c Glenn Earl Smith, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Smith of 84 Bellevue avenue, who according to Navy records gave his life for his country while serving as an armed guard on an ammunition vessel during an enemy air raid on Bari harbor, Italy, on December 2, 1943.



SI/C GLENN E. SMITH.

Seaman Smith was born in Rutland, May 11, 1924. He attended Lincoln and Meldon schools and graduated in June, 1943, from Rutland High school. During his four years at high school he was a member of the Red and White band. Following his graduation, with a group of former classmates, he entered Navy service, taking his "boot" training at Sampson, N. Y. At the completion of that period he came home on leave. He attended a Navy Armed Guard Gunnery school near Norfolk, Va. On Sunday, October 3, 1943, he spent a one-day liberty leave at his home here, the last time his family saw him.

On his first assignment overseas he landed in Africa, and from there he went to Italy, where the attack in which he is believed to have perished occurred. According to newspaper accounts of the Bari raid, 17 Allied ships were hit by enemy bombs.

Surviving Seaman Smith, besides his parents, are a brother, Lt. Kermit V. Smith, serving with the Army in the South Pacific area, and a sister, Miss Marilyn B. Smith.

For 12 months Seaman Smith was listed as missing in action. In December he was presumed by the Navy to be deceased, and notice was given to his parents, in the following letter from Secretary of the Navy Forrestal:

"My dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Your son, Glenn Earl Smith, seaman first class, United States Naval Reserve, has been carried on the official records of the Navy department in the status of missing in action as of December 2, 1943. He was a member of the armed guard crew serving on board the SS John Harvey when that vessel was sunk in the harbor of Bari, Italy, during an enemy air attack. The vessel carried high explosives. The weather was clear and the visibility was good. There were other Allied ships in the harbor at the time.

"In view of the length of time that has elapsed without any indication that your son survived, and because of the strong presumption that he lost his life at the time of the explosion or shortly thereafter, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that he is deceased * * * .

"I extend to you my sympathy in your sorrow and hope you may find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his country upholding the highest traditions of the Navy. The Navy shares in your bereavement and has felt the loss of his service."

The Rev. Carl H. Voss, pastor, who will conduct the memorial services, will be assisted by the Rev. Raymond Scott, a former pastor of St. Paul's church.

, AUGUST 27, 1945.

Silver Star Awarded To Pfc. Savage

The Silver Star medal, for gallantry in action against the Japanese on Luzon, has been awarded to Pfc. William P. Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage of Lincoln avenue, by Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing of Rutland, commanding general of the 43d Infantry (Winged Victory) division, of which Pfc. Savage is a member.



PFC. WILLIAM P. SAVAGE.

The citation which accompanied the award, reads as follows: "During an attempt to draw the enemy from a deep draw, an American soldier and a guerrilla were severely wounded by enemy hand grenades. Pfc. Savage, without regard for his own safety, crawled into the draw through heavy enemy small arms fire and returned with the wounded American. He then made a second trip, again through heavy enemy fire, and returned with the wounded Filipino guerrilla. Pfc. Savage administered first aid to both men.

"Pfc. Savage's exemplary courage above and beyond the call of duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men and is in accord with the highest traditions of the United States Army."

In a letter to Pfc. Savage's father, Maj. Gen. Wing has written: "I deem it an honor to serve in the same command with your son, who typifies the finest in the American army—a brave and gallant soldier."

Pfc. Savage, who participated in the Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, New Guinea and Luzon campaigns during 34 months of overseas service, is now on the way home.

Hides Inside Nazi Lines

Pvt. Donald Stevens and Utica
Sergeant Radio News of Ger-
mans. 4/24/44

Snapping his fingers "under Hitler's nose," Pfc. Donald Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stevens of 280 South Main street, recently crept into a German occupied town in Italy with Sergt. Walter S. Sabik of Utica, N. Y., and spent a day and a night radioing the positions of Nazi guns to American artillerymen, who promptly blasted the enemy, and crept back safely to his own position behind the Allied lines, before dawn.



PFC. DONALD STEVENS.

The two soldiers, members of a night patrol which had penetrated the outskirts of the enemy-occupied town, set up a walkie-talkie radio on the second floor of a stone house in the town. After daylight they could see German mortar positions in back of them and they could detect which houses the Germans were using.

"Once a couple of Germans passed so close we could hear them talking," Stevens and Sabik reported. "Another time we could hear children laughing and playing—and our shells landing only 300 yards away.

"To conserve the radio battery we reported to headquarters only once an hour. Most of the time we spoke low into the microphone because we were afraid the Germans would hear us. Headquarters knew we were okay," they stated.

Pfc. Stevens, who is 21, and has been overseas since December, graduated from Rutland High school in 1942 and has been in service since February 15, 1943, prior to which he was employed in Springfield. An older brother, Corp. Reginald Stevens, 23, is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

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Higher Navy Rating Given F. C. Stearns, Jr.

Mrs. Frederick C. Stearns, jr., of Prospect street has received word that her husband has been promoted to petty officer, third class, motor machinist's mate.



F. C. STEARNS, JR.

MMM Stearns took his basic training at Sampson, N. Y., and was sent from there to Great Lakes Training station, Chicago, for advanced training. He was graduated from there, receiving a rating of fireman first class. He was then transferred to San Diego, Cal., and from there to the Pacific area, where he has been stationed for several months as a Diesel motor engineer.

He has a daughter, Bonnie Lee, who with his wife make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Stearns, sr., at 57-A Prospect street.

Today's
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Sgt. F. Shostak Missing Since Aug. 18 Flight

S/Sgt. Felix J. Shostak has been missing in action over France since August 18, according to word received here from his mother, Mrs. Mary I. Shostak, who formerly lived in Proctor, now of Brooklyn, N. Y.



S/SGT. FELIX J. SHOSTAK.

A turret gunner, one of a crew of 10, S/Sgt. Shostak had been awarded the Air Medal and been promoted to his present rank, shortly before being reporting missing.

Mrs. Shostak also has learned that another son, Pfc. Charles A. Shostak, who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action in France has recovered and is back fighting.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 1945.

Gen. Selleck Freed From Jap Prisoner Camp

Information indicating that their brother, Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Selleck, a prisoner of war of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, has been released by Americans from a prison camp in Manchuria, was received by Rutland relatives here last night. Brig. Gen. Selleck is the son of Mrs. J. L. Selleck of Summer street and brother of Mrs. George A. Sabin of Summer street and Robert Selleck of Seabury street.



BRIG. GEN. SELLECK.

Relatives received a telegram last night from Gen. Selleck's wife, who lives in Alexandria, Va., stating that she had received yesterday a telegram stating, "Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Selleck O.K." No details were given.

Members of his family believe that Gen. Selleck was imprisoned in the same Japanese camp in Manchuria as Gen. Wainwright, recently released by American parachutists.

Gen. Selleck is a native of Brandon and a former Rutland resident. He was graduated from Rutland High school in 1905, and from the United States Military academy at West Point in 1910. Since then he has been in continuous military service. He was in World War I as a staff officer and also served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Since that time he has served at many posts throughout the United States and he was stationed in Hawaii for four years. He was ordered to the Philippines in October, 1941. After his capture he was imprisoned on Formosa and later in Manchuria.

Gen. and Mrs. Selleck have two daughters, Mary Jane, a senior, and Joanne, a sophomore, at Middlebury college and one son, Clyde A. jr., who is a student at Andover academy, Andover, Mass.

Sgt. Simonds Holds Award

Development of Radar Use
Brings Legion of Merit to
Rutlander.

Sgt. William J. Simonds of 28 Jackson avenue, who has just returned home after obtaining an honorable discharge from army service after serving 33 months overseas, holds the Legion of Merit for his work in perfecting a system for obtaining meteorological messages by use of radar, which is now universally accepted.



SGT. W. J. SIMONDS

Before entering the service, Sgt. Simonds was assistant to the city treasurer. He is a graduate of Rutland High school and St. Michael's college. He is the son of Alderman and Mrs. William T. Simonds, and his wife is the former Mary Jean Daley.

Sgt. Simonds received the Legion of Merit medal, one of the Army's highest awards for outstanding service, at Ludwig, Germany, on July 3. The citation which accompanied the honor was as follows:

"William J. Simonds, sergeant, 67th anti-aircraft artillery gun battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy and Southern France from March to November, 1944.

"When prevailing weather conditions made usual methods of obtaining meteorological messages impossible, thereby seriously threatening the efficiency of all artillery units, Sgt. Simonds was faced with the task of pioneering a new and reliable method.

"He immediately began experiments to obtain data by use of radar, and although the obstacles confronting him seemed insurmountable, by tenacious devotion to duty and superior resourcefulness, he successfully overcame them, and his continuous efforts resulted in the development, refinement and perfection of a meteorological system, universally accepted and used by all units in the Corps Expeditionnaire Francaise and later throughout the entire First French army.

"His outstanding efficiency, determination and ability reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

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Buchenwald Prison Camp Horrors Erase Any Tendency to Softness Toward Nazis, Rutlander Writes

A picture of horror and atrocities towards prisoners at the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp, one of the largest in Germany, is given by a Rutland medical officer, Capt. Gordon B. Smith, in a letter written to his wife in this city on April 15, on the day he made an official inspection of the site.

"It is something I'll never forget—a magnificent example of 'German culture.' It erases from your mind any tendencies toward a softened attitude regarding the German people. I was really nauseated," Capt. Smith, former Rutland physician, said in a letter, received here yesterday.

"I had read and heard of such places but you have to see and talk to the prisoners to realize their horror. A peculiar co-incidence: Right at this minute a war correspondent is describing this same camp on the radio," Capt. Smith continued.

As one of the prisoners told me, it can't be described. One has to be there for at least a year before he can realize what it's like. There are old men, boys of four and five, many former mayors of cities, professional men—every type. The camp was under the control and guard of S. S. troops. They are the most fanatical Nazis, cruel, sadistic and soulless.

"Some Dutchmen showed me around. They had been working in the underground when they were captured. They were a very intelligent group, one an engineer, another a medical student, all educated and speaking good English. One of them told me that he had never cried while he was there, but the day the Americans came he couldn't hold back and bawled like a kid. One can only imagine what it must feel like to be free again. The released prisoners can't believe it themselves.

"In spite of the thin, suffering faces of all these men, I have never seen such expressions of gratitude and joy. Everywhere you went they cheered, saluted, took off their caps (they were used to this as they had to remove their caps whenever they'd pass an SS guard) and crowded around.

"Even those that were lying on their wooden shelves—dying—smiled and moved a hand in a gesture of greeting.

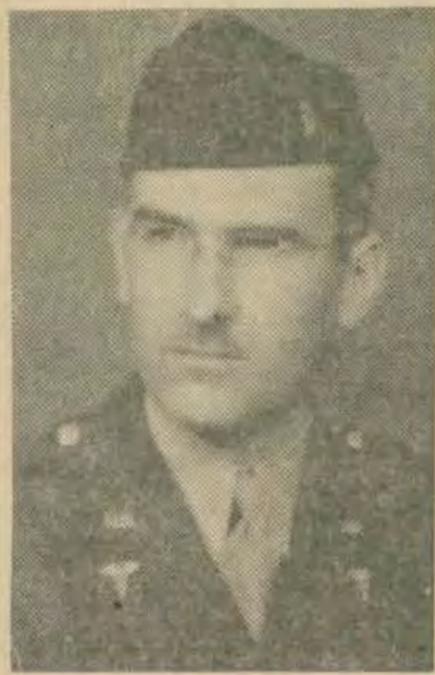
"I haven't given a very complete description of what I saw, but enough to convey the general impression.

"It makes you realize that the world has far to go before it can be called civilized. And yet with all their suffering these Dutch boys said that even though they would like revenge on the SS troops, they would never be capable of doing the things that were done to them.

"All they ask now is to be allowed to do something for their government—anything to do something useful. All they have done so far, they said, was to suffer. And they were speaking earnestly."

Capt. Smith is serving with a Medical group of the Third army. He was a practicing physician in this city at the time he entered active service nearly four years ago. His wife, Mrs. Edith Smith, and their two small children, Susan and Burgess, live on Highland avenue. He is the son of Mrs. Ray E. Smith of Grove street, and a brother of Municipal Judge Milford K. Smith.

Capt. Smith has covered, while serving in France, much of the territory that his father, the late Maj. Ray E. Smith, worked and fought over while he was a medical officer in the AEF in 1918.



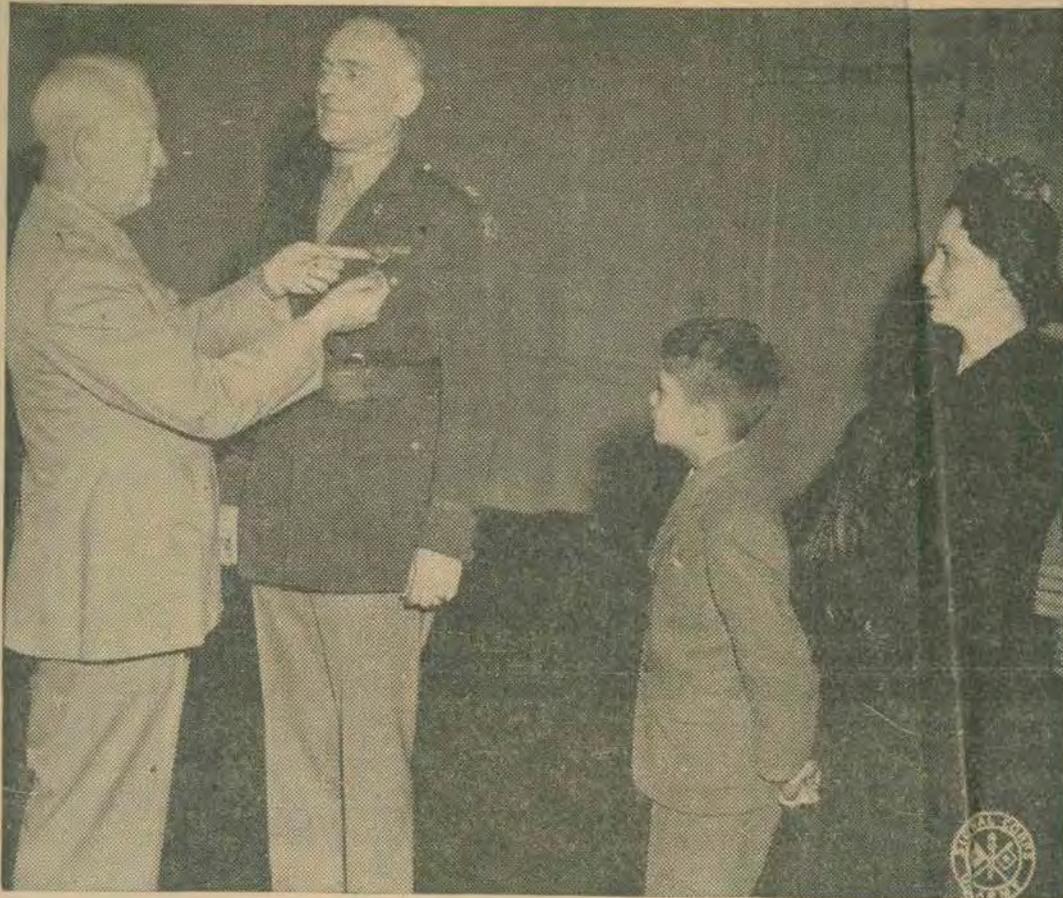
CAPT. GORDON B. SMITH.

"It's almost impossible to describe what one sees there—thousands of prisoners—mostly political, from all nations. Some have been there as long as 10 years, some only a year or two. They were dressed in rags, sleeping four and five in a wooden bunk with perhaps one blanket, all of them thin, and thousands emaciated," he went on.

"Some were so weak they couldn't sit up and were absolute living skeletons. I saw at least half a dozen die while I was in one block. In a shed adjoining this "Block 61" (a sort of barracks consisting of a frame building with three rows of wide shelves where the men sleep like a row of logs side by side) was a pile of emaciated bodies, the men who died during the night. Last month 6000 died in this one camp and a couple of years ago, before they gave them any winter clothing, between 900 and 1000 daily.

"The bodies are collected each day and taken to crematoriums on the grounds. And in the basement of the crematorium is a room where those who were chosen for quick death were banged and hit on the head with wooden mallets. The others who died were killed by deliberate, methodical starvation, and many were shot on the spot when they became too weak to keep on working, or if they fell down while standing for hours at attention.

"I have never seen such horror.



Capt. Richard Clarke Smith of this city is shown above receiving the Bronze Star medal for gallantry in action in the European war, from Col. H. B. Sheets, commanding officer of the Boston Ordnance district, in the presence of his wife and son, Timothy. Capt. Smith, Rutland lawyer before entering active service, is the son of Mrs. Henry G. Smith of East Washington street.

Capt. Smith Is Honored

Former Rutland Lawyer Given
Bronze Star for Gallantry in
European Action.

Capt. Richard Clarke Smith of this city, a well-known lawyer before entering active Army service, has been awarded the Bronze star for gallantry in action in the European war, it has been announced by the Boston ordnance district, U. S. Army, in a release received here yesterday.

The presentation was made on June 9 by Col. H. B. Sheets, commanding officer of the Boston Ordnance district, to which Capt. Smith is now assigned. Col. Sheets read the citation from the War department which commended the Rutland officer for his leadership against the enemy. Capt. Smith's wife, Barbara, and their eight-year-old son, Timothy, attended the event, with the entire military personnel of the Boston Ordnance district.

The citation for the Bronze Star medal read: "Capt. Richard Clarke Smith, field artillery, 188th Field Artillery battalion, U. S. Army: For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from June 8, 1944, until December 12, 1944, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

"Throughout the above-named period, Capt. Smith, as liaison officer from his unit to 12 artillery battalions of nine different infantry divisions, by his thorough knowledge of the tactics and technique of field artillery, contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of many missions assigned his unit. His ability and experience enabled him, in many instances, to offer valuable advice and suggestions to units new in combat. His simultaneous direction of the fires of numerous units was unusual. His expert handling of many forward observer teams resulted in a maximum of efficiency with a minimum of loss.

"His contribution to the success of his unit in the performance of its many missions reflects great credit upon himself."

In making the award, Col. Sheets said: "This certainly gives me much pleasure."

Capt. Smith is a member of the law firm of Fenton, Wing & Morse. He was graduated from Phillips-Andover academy, Yale university and Harvard Law school.

While Capt. Smith was serving overseas, and his son, Timothy was attending Fessenden school at Newton, Mass., Mrs. Smith has been residing in Wellesley, Mass., where she has been active in home service for the American Red Cross. They will resume their residence in Rutland after cessation of hostilities.

Capt. Smith is a son of Mrs. Henry G. Smith of East Washington street.

Lt. Strobell One of the First Of Our Airmen to Fly Nazi Me-262

(Special to The Herald.)

FREEMAN FIELD, SEYMOUR, Ind. (By Mail).—Out of the multitude of noteworthy actions in World war II, the saga of 1st Lt. Robert C. Strobell of RUTLAND, VT., deserves more than just a mention, according to Air Technical Service command headquarters here, in a "now it can be told" recital.

As project officer in charge of reclaiming and putting into action the famous German jet-propelled Messerschmitt-262, Lt. Strobell added immeasurably to the U. S. Army Air forces' growing technical knowledge of enemy aircraft—knowledge that AAF officers say will undoubtedly be used to better our already excellent air force.



LT. ROBERT C. STROBELL.

Lt. Strobell was one of a number of members of technical intelligence field teams that scoured Holland, Bavaria and Denmark for jet planes shortly before and after D-Day. Following the discovery of numerous wrecked jet 262's, they were "cannibalized" (torn down and assembled into a few planes that were flyable) and Lt. Strobell was one of the first American pilots to test

flight these fast, tricky and dangerous planes.

He entered the service November 19, 1942 and received his flight training in the South. His first assignment overseas was in December, 1943, when he was sent to England as a replacement with headquarters of U. S. Strategic and Tactical Army Air force as pilot of C-45's and 48's, flying high-ranking officers such as British Air Marshall Tedder and other dignitaries.

In May, 1943, Lt. Strobell went into action with the First Tactical Bomber command and while with it completed 81 missions and was credited with shooting down two Nazi aircraft. The majority of these missions were flown as bomber escort and many of them were fighter sweeps over the low countries in which the lieutenant strafed railroad trains, vehicles and German supply depots.

A highlight of Lt. Strobell's Air force career was his marriage to WAC Cpl. Barbara E. Raub of Lancaster, Pa., the early part of this year. The marriage ceremony was held in an American hospital in Mannheim, Germany, while the lieutenant was recuperating from burns received as result of a take-off blowup of his Thunderbolt airplane. He had just reached 1500 feet at the Mannheim airport when his plane filled up with gas fumes and exploded in mid-air, suffering from first and second degree burns. Lt. Strobell bailed out and parachuted to safety.

Since returning to the United States Lt. Strobell has been stationed at Freeman field, Seymour, Ind., newest installation of the Air Technical Service command and present home of the museum of foreign aircraft. His duties here consist of training crew chiefs and civilian mechanics to service and maintain ME-262's and also to train pilots to fly these Messerschmitt "squirts."

Lt. Strobell is a graduate of Rutland High school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Strobell, now reside in Washington, D. C. He has one brother, Donald G. Strobell, who makes his home in Hollywood, Cal.

Lt. Frances M. Gragen Home on 45-Day Leave

First Lt. Frances M. Gragen, Army nurse, veteran of 40 months of service in the Central and Western Pacific, is spending a 45-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gragen of Woodstock avenue. She recently returned to the United States from the Philippine islands in the Army transport S.S. Brazil.

Lt. Gragen entered the service on September 21, 1941, and was stationed at Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y. Three weeks after the Pearl Harbor attack she was sent to the west coast and arrived in Honolulu in June, 1942. She was a member of the 148th General and 165th Station hospitals, serving on several of the Hawaiian Islands.

Shortly after the invasion of the Philippine islands she was transferred to Leyte, and later served on Mindoro. Lt. Gragen wears the American defense, the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons, with one battle star for combat nursing on Leyte.

After the expiration of her leave here, Lt. Gragen expects to be assigned to the Halloran General hospital at Staten island, N. Y.

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Dr. Hulls, out of town until October 15.—adv.

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 12, 1944.



When Pvt. Earle F. Spencer, jr., 21, (at left) and his uncle, Pvt. Paul H. Spencer, 22, met by chance in London recently, they decided to celebrate the occasion by having their picture taken together—with this result. Both are members of Quartermaster truck companies with the Army Air corps, though attached to different outfits. Pvt. Paul Spencer is a son of Mrs. Edna Spencer of Mendon. His nephew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle F. Spencer of 255 Horton street.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,

Marine Sgt. John F. Sheldon Is Friend of 'Kids' in His Outfit

Marine Sgt. John F. Sheldon of Boston, whose mother, Mrs. Mabel F. Sheldon lives at 8 Washington street, and who has been good-naturedly nick-named "The Bald Headed Old Coot" by First Marine Division buddies, plans to stick with his outfit for the duration "to look after the kids in the outfit and to see the war through," he says. He doesn't even want a "stateside" furlough, according to word received from a Pacific base.

Offhand, few would think that the gangly Bostonian is a sort of father confessor to scores of Marines. Behind Sheldon's secret, however, is a curiosity of people and places which has carried him into many of the 48 states and most of the Pacific. His memory is phenomenal—and he's a friend of all homesick kids, the Marine base story relates.

The overseas job of the Bostonian is to keep ammunition, supplies and other equipment rolling; the beachheads stocked. He's the NCO-in-charge of the division's logistics, evacuation and supply section.

Commended twice, he is a veteran of the Cape Gloucester campaign and is remembered for the handling of 3300 Peleliu casualties at a Southwest Pacific base.

Sheldon was educated at the Uni-



SGT. JOHN F. SHELDON.

versity of Wisconsin and for six years was a methods analyst with an insurance company in Boston, after which he was with the New York city personnel department of the National Broadcasting company.



Sgt. Harold J. Shortsleeve, son of Mrs. Anna Shortsleeve of 49 Allen street, who had just received a Bronze Star, is shown at right above, standing by, while a Bronze Star is being pinned on the tunic of Sgt. Robert Porter of Denbo, Pa., by Col. Holland Williamson at Camp Edwards, Mass. Sgt. Shortsleeve rescued an injured comrade under intense enemy small arms fire on July 5, 1944, during the battle of France. The decoration ceremony took place at the Convalescent hospital at Camp Edwards.

Legion of Merit Award Made To Sgt. Simonds, Now in Germany

One of the Army's highest awards for outstanding performance of duty, the Legion of Merit, has been made to Sgt. William (Joe) Simonds, 30, whose wife, the former Mary Jean Daley, lives at 12 Jackson avenue.

The medal was awarded Sgt. Simonds, now stationed in Ludwig, Germany, by the colonel of his anti-aircraft artillery battalion on July 3, for "meritorious service in the performance of his duties in Africa, Italy, France and Germany." No further details of the reasons for the award have been received either by his wife or by Sgt. Simonds' parents, Ald. and Mrs. William T. Simonds of 23 Jackson avenue.

In fact, first word of the award came not from the sergeant himself, but through a letter from a friend, Warrant Officer Joseph McDonough, to his mother, Mrs. Patrick F. McDonough of Killington avenue. Just recently the news has been confirmed in letters from Sgt. Simonds to his wife and parents, but without further background for the basis of the high award.

A graduate of Rutland High school and of St. Michael's college in Winooski, Sgt. Simonds was for over two years assistant city treas-



SGT. WILLIAM J. SIMONDS.

urer, until he entered the service in February, 1941.

He was married while on a furlough home on July 18, 1942 and his wife, who is office secretary of the Rutland Community Chest and War fund, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Daley.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1945.

First Night of Okinawa Landing Pictured by Marine Sgt. Sheldon

Breaking a silence of several months as to the whereabouts of his division, Marine Sgt. John F. Sheldon, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Mabel F. Sheldon of 8 Washington street, describes the first night after the landing of the American "leathernecks" on Okinawa, which he says is "damn near Japan and definitely in Japan's territory."

"We're now in the first night with some rations under our belts, ready for the night and listening to the shells scream over our heads from the ships behind us dropping them in up ahead. Then, close by, our own guns are pounding and just to make it thrilling, an air raid is on with the Nips trying for the ships. What anti-aircraft fire! The sky looks like one big Fourth of July celebration. The enemy has poor hunting and plunge burning into the sea. Boy, oh, boy! The number of war bonds it takes for one of those blanket barrages!

"Soon the all clear gun sounded," Sheldon, who is the NCO in charge of the division's logistics, evacuation and supply section, continued, "and except for the shelling all was quiet. They were our shells, too, which was comforting. I would have given a month's pay for some long underwear. The star shells made it bright as day. The Japs have a habit of sneaking back in during the night and star shells make it more difficult. Also keeps

you awake—but this first night I was so tired that I slept until another morning air raid woke me. Our carrier force is magnificent and what a box score they have run up."

Sgt. Sheldon, who for six years was methods analyst with a Boston insurance firm and later was a member of the New York city personnel department of the National Broadcasting company, said it could now be told that the division, to which a number of Rutland men are attached, made its base for a long period in the Russells, a part of the British Solomons. The Pelleliu campaign offered a break in routine and then the outfit returned to re-form. Twice he was at Guadalcanal.

"In February we left there for a long sea voyage as a part of the greatest convoy seen out here. It was a real display of strength and let us all see what had been done in the shipyards and industry back home." He described life on board, the intense heat, the good food, the methods of diversion, until finally D-Day came.

PVT. RAYMOND F. SPOON IS GUNNERY GRADUATE.

Pvt. Raymond F. Spoon, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Spoon of Nickwackett street, has recently graduated from the Kingman Army Airfield gunnery school, Kingman, Ariz. A graduate of Mount St. Joseph academy, Pvt. Spoon entered the Army on November 15, 1943.

Calls Himself Lucky to Get In on Invasion

"Mom, I was one of the lucky guys to get in on the invasion of France," Sgt. Harold Shortsleeve wrote his mother, Mrs. Anna Shortsleeve of 49 Allen street. "I'm having a grand time and lots of fun in France. We've got the Jerries on the run and are going to keep them that way."



SGT. HAROLD SHORTSLEEVE.

Sgt. Shortsleeve, who said that the French people were very nice to the Americans, was met by an Associated Press correspondent in a Cherbourg wine shop when he was having his men clean their weapons and machine guns before moving to the front lines to clean up the pill boxes, and was mentioned in a dispatch during the battle of Cherbourg.

His twin brother, Sgt. Howard Shortsleeve, who has been overseas for a year, is also stationed in France. His wife, the former Barbara Donahue, and his infant daughter, whom he has never seen, are making their home at 20 Washington street.

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Herald Photo.

Coxswain William Steinhour, United States Navy, twice torpedoed while aboard transports landing troops for the North African invasion, shows his mother, Mrs. S. K. Steinhour of Lincoln avenue, pictures of the distant ports he has visited while serving aboard destroyers and transports in various war zones.

Coxswain "Bill" Steinhour Torpedoed Twice During US Invasion of North Africa

Lincoln Avenue Youth on Furlough After Narrow Escape From 2 Sinkings While Helping Land Troops; Former High School Athlete Served Aboard Destroyer That Delivered Supplies to Embattled Malta.

Climbed Aboard Raft In Darkness

Being twice torpedoed within a two-day period while helping to land troops during the African invasion earned Coxswain William Steinhour, son of Mrs. S. K. Steinhour of Lincoln avenue, his first Christmas at home in three years. He has been in Rutland on a furlough granted on his return from the two sinkings off the coast of West Africa.

When Steinhour returns to duty he hopes to draw an assignment with the fleet—meaning a warship—instead of the transport duty which in recent weeks has cost him the loss of some fine shipmates.

Steinhour, a graduate of Rutland High school in 1936, who worked here at the Patch-Wegner plant for some time, has been in the Navy since February, 1940. He served on ships that were maintaining the "neutrality patrol," almost as far east as the coast of Ireland, was aboard a destroyer that was part of the escorting force on the first official east-bound convoy when that system of getting supplies from this country to the British Isles was inaugurated, helped deliver medical supplies to much-bombed Malta, also while on destroyer duty, and then was assigned to one of the Navy's transports that helped carry out the successful occupation of French Africa.

"The French naval ships that came out of the harbor after us did a lot of firing," Steinhour says, "but our escort showed 'em what real shooting is like."

"But that night—well, one of the German subs slipped in and gave us plenty. We had to take to the water fast. Some got into boats and landing barges but more of us floated around with our life-belts until we could find something to climb into or on top of. The ship was gone in a hurry and we didn't get a chance to save anything except ourselves, but we had already landed our troops and most of their gear."

"I floated around a while and finally got on a raft. There were quite a lot of us and we kept on picking up more men. The phosphorescence made it easy to see men nearby, in the water, though everything else was pitch black—and I mean really black."

"After a while we got into one of the landing barges. That was all right until something went wrong with her bottom. Then we piled into another one and got along all right until morning."

"That second day I was assigned to another ship, short-handed after the landing operations. We had casualties aboard, to bring home. But soon after dark they hit her, too. I guess we got away all the casualties," Steinhour said with pride.

"If it hadn't been for a landing barge that came around and took us and our raft in tow, I don't think we'd have gotten clear, even though we broke up the bottom of the raft for paddles."

Steinhour then recounted how he and his rescued companions were taken ashore and cleaned up after their oily immersion. The Army re-out-fitted them with clothes and they were shipped home.

Credit for "getting" a sub depends upon pretty positive evidence, Steinhour said. Either she must be seen as she tries to surface, or debris and wreckage unmistakably from a destroyed ship and not of the "phony" kind sometimes reported released by subs seeking escape, must be sighted, he said.

"Sometimes the swirl of mud that comes up when a sunken sub settles on the bottom serves as additional proof," Steinhour said. "Then too, sounding with the fathometer over the spot will frequently prove the presence of the sunken vessel. All those things add up—and you're sure."

Effectiveness of our "ack ack"—anti-aircraft fire—in keeping enemy planes at a "respectful" altitude is mentioned by Steinhour in connection with several of the engagements he has been in. As No. 1 loader in the gun crew of one of the Navy's newest ships, he told of setting a record—"just to show the British what we could do"—for speed in firing.

"But you handle those 52-pound shells for a minute or two and you know you've been doing something," he added. Even in combat we never reached quite that speed of fire again!"

Steinhour, who played football during his high school days here, is spending his "vacation" seeing friends in the city—those that have not already joined one of the armed services themselves—and in getting rested up. His mother lives with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage at the Lincoln avenue address.

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LAND DAILY HERALD,



Lieut. Gaston Tosi, son of Oreste Tosi of Forest street, returned to his station at Lock Bourne Airbase, Columbus, O., yesterday after a leave at home. Lieut. Tosi received his commission at Scott Field, Mo. He attended Rutland High school, Castleton Normal school and the University of Missouri.



It's a far cry from serving in the postoffice in Rutland and being in charge of a U. S. postoffice in far off Iran, but Sergt. Joseph Tully, (shown above with an Iran-developed half beard) has done the trick. Sergt. Joe, now serving with the U. S. Army in Kozvan, Iran, was selected as "Post Personality" in a recent edition of the camp paper in Kozvan. Son of Mrs. Mary J. Tully of 45 Engrem avenue, Sergt. Joe is singled out for the following kind words in the camp-paper: "The ideal man for the position (postmaster) Joe doesn't get in the least perturbed when you blame him because no letter came in from your girl. He has a nice, smooth sort of philosophy on life that I envy. According to Tully, there is good reason for everything that happens, and who is he to argue with Fate or bemoan the fact that Dame Fortune has temporarily turned on him a frigid shoulder. * * * We're glad you are in the local P. O., Joe, but you could be doing a lot of good in our morale Mill too." Sergt. Tully's beard is something he has since leaving the Rutland postoffice.

MAY 26, 1945.



Captured by SS troopers in the morning and rescued by XII corps men late that night, Cpl. Francis W. Trombley of Pittsford gives chief credit to XII corps artillery. Cpl. Trombley was one of 15 truck drivers moving an evacuation hospital unit from one headquarters to another. The convoy was ambushed by the Germans, who began by shooting the Red Cross flag off the lead jeep. After riddling the blood bank and destroying 100 vials of penicillin, they succeeded in taking the Americans prisoner. XII corps artillery, however, pinned the Nazis down and disorganized them so badly that that night an American relief force was able to dispose of them without much difficulty. Cpl. Trombley and his 14 companions were rescued unharmed.

1/20/1945

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Lt. Trepanier Rewarded For Man's Rescue

WITH THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON LEYTE, (By Mail)—For saving the life of one of his men under heavy enemy fire, 1st Lt. Albert E. Trepanier of RUTLAND, VT., has received a Bronze Star medal.



LT. A. E. TREPANIER.

When Trepanier's rifle company was a holding force for an infantry battalion subjected to intense Jap fire, a seriously wounded soldier was confined to an exposed position in front of the lines.

Lt. Trepanier, seeing the need for immediate evacuation, volunteered to rescue him. Under Jap fire he administered first aid to the man, then carried him to safety.

"By his courage and daring, Lt. Trepanier was an inspiration to all of the men in his platoon," his citation read.

Lt. Trepanier's wife, Mrs. Jean S. Trepanier, lives at 64 Cleveland avenue, Rutland. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trepanier, live in West Rutland.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, 1945.



S/Sgt. Angelo Tiraboschi, 28, shown above, is at his home, 116 Jackson avenue, during a furlough after 29 months' service overseas. He has been a member of the armed forces 33 months during which he was stationed in England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy and participated in five battles without receiving a scratch. He is a son of Frank Tiraboschi of Jackson avenue who has one other son in service, Cpl. Fermo Tiraboschi, who is now in France.

10/7/44

Flyer, Missing Since April 4, Reported Dead

Tech. Sgt. Theodore G. Thompson, earlier reported missing, was killed near Turnu Magurele, Romania, when the Army plane of which he was waist gunner and radioman crashed on the bank of the Danube river, according to official word sent by the War department to his mother, Mrs. Julia C. Thompson of Wallace avenue.



TECH. SGT. T. G. THOMPSON.

Sgt. Thompson was reported missing in action after his plane was damaged and forced to drop out of formation during a flight over the Balkan country, then an Axis satellite, on April 4. The squadron commander wrote Mrs. Thompson that nine parachutes were seen leaving the battered plane and he expressed the hope that her son was one of those who, though probably a prisoner, was safe. Another airman, home from that war theater, also reported having heard an Axis propaganda broadcast mentioning Sgt. Thompson as being a prisoner.

However, yesterday's message from the War department indicated that the young man had been killed in that action.

Sgt. Thompson had been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his "superior accomplishments" on the 18 missions in which he had participated. At the time of his death he was 27 years old.

He is survived, besides his mother, by two brothers, both in service—Fireman Third Class Herbert A. Thompson, 25, serving with the Navy in the Pacific area, and Cpl. Leonard Thompson, 23, in the Army Air corps in the European theater—and by two sisters, Miss Marion Thompson of Wallace avenue and Mrs. Fred Beckett of West street.

1/15/45

Pfc. Taylor War Victim

Paratrooper Killed in Belgium
on Christmas Day, Mother
Is Informed.

Paratrooper Wilfred H. Taylor, 27, one of three sons of Mrs. Sue Taylor of 28 Crescent street fighting for their country, has been killed in action in the European theater. Mrs. Taylor, who is the widow of Ethan H. Taylor, received a telegram Saturday from the War department, stating that her son had lost his life in Belgium on December 25.



PFC. WILFRED H. TAYLOR.

A graduate of Rutland High school, Pfc. Taylor, a member of a medical detachment in an airborne division, was a brother of Ens. Earle Taylor, who is on duty in Washington, and Cpl. Wendell E. Taylor, who was in Italy when last heard from. Mrs. Taylor has no other children.

Pfc. Taylor received his paratrooper training at Fort Benning, Ga., and also trained at other points in the South. He entered the Army service in October, 1942, and went overseas in November, 1943.



Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Taylor of 202 South Main street are doing their part to aid the war effort with four sons in the service and a fifth anxiously awaiting the time when he will become of age to join the Navy. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of seven sons and one daughter, Mildred, who also said recently, "I certainly wish I were older so I could join the WAC and wear a uniform." The four sons in the service are: Pfc. Fred Taylor (upper left) 23, stationed in the Southwest Pacific; Ship Clerk 3/c Raymond Taylor (upper right), 20, stationed overseas; Pfc. Howard Taylor (lower left) 22, stationed at Fort Lawton, Wash.; and Pvt. Oliver Taylor, (lower right) 19, stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.

Water, Mud and Slime of Jungle Fighting Told by Pfc. F. Taylor

A soldier's life in the jungles of New Guinea is vividly described by Pfc. Fred Taylor, 24, in letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Taylor of 202 South Main street.

Taylor, who will have been overseas two years in December, is serving in an Army kitchen, but his group joins a mortar outfit in combat operations. Describing a landing made on New Guinea late this spring, Pfc. Taylor wrote:



PFC. FRED TAYLOR.

"We landed on the beach in the early morning after the Navy had given it a good shelling—they did a wonderful job, too. We did not have much opposition and we took a trail up the mountain; a worse one I have never seen. It had rained quite a bit and the trail was very muddy most of the way. We had to go through a swamp up to our waists in water and slime."

The men slept on the trail without digging in the first night, Taylor said, because of their utter exhaustion. In his own case this was partly accounted for by the fact that in addition to his own gear he was carrying six rounds of mortar ammunition—a total burden of 132 pounds. Later the men dug foxholes wherever they stopped, and most of Taylor's letters were written in these shelters.

Telling of the discomforts of fox-

holes, Pfc. Taylor writes of one night's experience:

"We dug our foxholes in the rain. We tried to keep them dry, but after a while the water started to run in. We tried to bail it out with our helmets, but it did no good—so we got mad and lay down in it and went back to sleep. We woke up in the morning with water up to our necks and mud all over everything."

Taylor spent two nights on the front lines in the landing operation, every minute of which he called "just hell." Nights were especially hard to bear.

"A fellow does a lot of thinking while lying there in the dark listening to every little night sound there is—and fondering if some one is out there. Sometimes we would hear a little noise and we would rise up slowly to see what was around. If we kept hearing it we would send out a few shots and then go out in the morning to see what we got."

"Yes, I found that daylight is the best friend one has out here. We were all scared to see night come. It sure seems long and daylight can never come fast enough."

Taylor said that he saw several Japs and a great many dead ones, of which he wrote ". . . it sure makes your stomach feel funny the first time, but after that it makes no difference at all."

The Japs left most of their equipment behind in their flight, Taylor said, and he was able to pick up a pen, a camera and some film, but pictures taken with the latter did not turn out very well, he added. The Jap pen was used to write many of his later letters.

The jungle fighters exist mostly on canned and dehydrated foods, Taylor says, and one of their most pleasant dreams is of U. S. menus. Movies were available for the men a few weeks after the landing, but to see a show meant walking a mile and a half each way through the jungle from their camp to the movie site.

Taylor said that he had hoped to come home soon under the rotation furlough system, but that he was no longer optimistic about it, as very few men in his outfit had been affected by the program. He entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas two months later.

5/3/45

RUTLAND DAILY HERALD,



It was plenty cold on the North Atlantic when this picture of Ens. Wesley M. Thorsson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew T. Thorsson of 56 South Main street, was taken, showing him at the wheel of the Coast Guard combat cutter on which he is serving. For that matter, it is still cold out on the ocean lanes where his ship is operating, as a unit of the Atlantic fleet engaged in convoy and anti-submarine patrol, Coast Guard headquarters reports.

Rutland Wife Has 'Four Precious Minutes' on So. Pacific Phone

A "precious four minutes" were granted to Mrs. Bessie Trop of 116 Maple street yesterday when she talked directly with her husband, Marine Pvt. Moe Trop, who is in a hospital in the South Pacific.

"I was so excited," she said, "that I forgot to ask him why he was in the hospital. His voice was as clear as a bell. They were the fastest four minutes in my life."

Mrs. Trop said that a telephone operator in California called last week, saying that she might expect a call "about 1:30 Sunday afternoon"—and yesterday at exactly 1:30 o'clock the call came through.

Before Mrs. Trop conversed with her husband, she was warned not to mention any

names of towns or any dates. The call, censored at both ends, was arranged by the American Red Cross, she said.

Pvt. Trop entered the service December 9, 1943, and received his "boot" training at Parris Island and advanced training at Camp Lejeune. He went overseas in August, 1944.

Mrs. Trop and her 12-year-old daughter, Marilyn, are making their home with Mrs. Trop's mother, Mrs. L. H. Sefl.

Pvt. Trop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Trop of Granville, N. Y., has three brothers in the service: Sgt. Herman, stationed in the Philippines; Daniel of the U. S. Navy, who has just gone overseas, and Max, who is in the Air corps, located in Louisiana.

Pfc. John J. Udart ^{2/17/45}
Wounded on Luzon

Pfc. John J. Udart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Udart of 129 Temple street, was slightly wounded in action on Luzon in the Philippines on January 24, the War department has informed his parents.

Pfc. Udart left Rutland with the Vermont National Guard in March, 1941, with Company E, ambulance unit, Wallingford. He went overseas in September 1942, and has served for 32 months in New Guinea, New Georgia, the Solomons and other South Pacific points. His brother, Lawrence, is stationed with the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

2/23/45

ATLANTA DAILY HERALD,



Pfc. John J. Udart, a member of the Army Medical corps serving with the 43d division on Luzon was wounded in action January 24, according to word reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Udart of 129 Temple street.

S2-c Vondette Back in U. S.

Last Rutland Youth Held by
Japs Wires His Mother From
San Francisco.

Seaman 2/c Robert Vondette, who has been held prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Cavite, and until last night the only one of the five Rutland men known to have been captured by the Japs still unaccounted for, has been reported by his mother, Mrs. Edith Vondette of 33 Grant avenue, to have been liberated.



S2/c ROBERT VONDETTE.

Mrs. Vondette, who has received no information from the government on the liberation of her son, received a telegram last night from San Francisco saying, "Just arrived in San Francisco and will be seeing you soon. Love, Bob."

Mrs. Vondette had learned in January from the government that her prisoner son had been moved from the Philippines to Japan by the Japs. Vondette, 25, was a senior in Rutland High school when he enlisted in the Navy and was officially listed as a prisoner of war in June, 1943.

It is believed that he was a patient at Canacao hospital in Cavite, where he had been under treatment since August of 1941 when his ankle bones were broken in a 20-foot fall to the deck of his ship. He was at the naval hospital awaiting transfer by the first available government transport home at the time the Japs took over the Philippines.

Vondette's oldest brother, Capt. Allen E. Vondette, fought in the Philippine campaign, and a younger brother, Yeoman 1/c Raymond Vondette, served also in the Pacific with the Navy.



6/16/45 Herald Photo—Merusi

As to hundreds of other servicemen, Father's Day holds special significance for Capt. Peter ValPreda, 26, of Marble avenue, who is shown above getting acquainted with his daughter, Diana Joan, and her doll, Snuggles. Diana, who was born while her father was overseas, will have her first birthday on June 27. Capt. ValPreda arrived home a short time ago after his liberation from a German prison camp.

Capt. ValPreda Is Freed From German Prison

Capt. Peter ValPreda, B-24 Liberator pilot, a prisoner of war of Germany since he was listed as "missing in action" last August, was liberated from the Nazi prison camp at Moosburg a few weeks ago, his wife, the former Charlotte Barlow of Marble avenue learned yesterday.

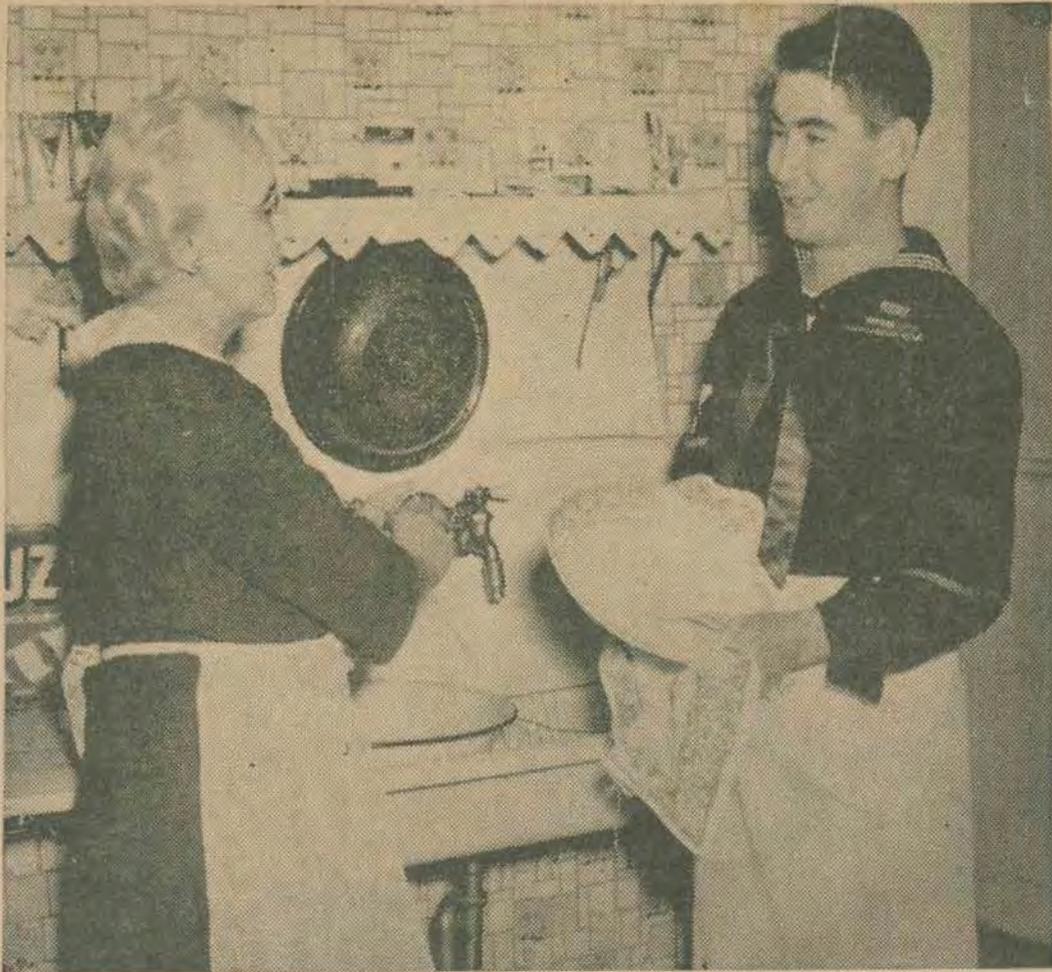
Mrs. Barlow yesterday morning received a cablegram from her husband stating that he was "well and safe" and that he hoped to see her soon.

On the previous afternoon Mrs. ValPreda received a letter from a member of the United States House of Representatives committee of Foreign Affairs, stating that he had talked with Capt. ValPreda during a visit to the prison camps in Germany, and informing her that her husband was in "good health and spirits considering what he had been through."

Capt. ValPreda served in the Navy previous to his enlistment in the Army three years ago. He has been overseas since April and was listed as "missing" a week before the birth of his daughter, Diana Joan, here last summer. Recently Mrs. ValPreda received an Air medal with two Oak Leaf clusters from the War department which had been awarded to her husband since he was captured by the Nazis.

5/16/45





Herald Photo—Mernsi.

Helping mother to do the dishes again, is the happy experience of Coxswain Robert Vondette of Grant avenue, who has just returned home after his release from a Japanese prison camp. The coxswain's mother, Mrs. Edith Vondette, says her son now helps with the dishes in an entirely different spirit than he did before he entered the service. (Story same page.)

Coxswain Vondette, Home From Jap Prison Camp, Says He Dreamed of Shortcake

Rutland Navy Veteran, Captured When Corregidor Fell, Says That He and Other Americans Taken Prisoner by Japanese Never Gave Up Hope That U. S. Would Finally Beat Nippon and Free Them.

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Jap Prisoner Moved From Philippines

Seaman 2/c Robert VonDette, who has been held as a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines since the fall of Cavite, has been transferred to a prisoner of war camp in Japan, presumably in Tokio, his mother, Mrs. Allen E. VonDette of 33 Grant avenue, has learned. His oldest brother, Capt. Allen E. VonDette, jr., is now fighting in the Philippines, and another brother, Yeoman 1/c Raymond VonDette, is serving with the Navy in the Pacific area.



S 2/c ROBERT VONDETTE.

A letter yesterday from the provost marshal general in Washington to Mrs. VonDette informed her of the transfer of her youngest son from the Philippines to Japan, and stated that his present address is "Tokio Camp, Japan."

Seaman 2/c VonDette, who was a senior in Rutland High school when he enlisted in the Navy, will be 25 years old on February 15. After being listed as missing since the fall of the Philippines, he was reported to be a prisoner of war in June, 1943. It was believed that he was a patient at Canacao hospital in Cavite, where he had been under treatment since August of 1941 when his ankle bones were broken in a 20-foot fall to the deck of his ship. He was at the Naval hospital awaiting transfer to the first available government transport home at the time the Japs took over the Philippines.

The War department message is believed to be the first word received in Rutland that American prisoners in the Philippines have been transferred to Japan, following the invasion of the islands by United States forces.

Draft Board Reclassifies 75, Finding 33 'Available'

29 of Class I-A Group Married; Nine Are Shifted to Deferred List Because in War Work.

At a meeting of the Rutland County Draft board No. 1 held last Friday 75 registrants were reclassified with a total of 33 placed in I-A, available for service. Twenty-nine of this group are married. Nine men were shifted from I-A, to II-B, as necessary to war production.

One registrant, Merritt L. Thomas, through the appeal board was placed in Class II-C from Class I-A as being considered necessary to agriculture.

The latest draft list follows:

CLASS I-A.

(Available for service.)

Order No. 346, Weikki W. Torvinen; 460, Lawrence E. Davis; 883, Clarence J. Young; 1695, Rollin W. Parker; 1835, John D. Riter; 1953, John H. Quinn; 2010, Fred W. Johnson; 2015, Paul W. Scarborough; 2089, Robert M. Towne; 2144, Henry A. Peterson; 2152, Robert A. Paul; 2178, Harley H. Holden; 2201, Ashley H. Devino; 2224, Earle T. Storms; 2230, Antoine A. Greeno; 2297, Lawrence A. Coutermarsh; 2312, Earl F. Bonnett; 2326, Paul T. Abair; 2335, Walter J. Patch; 2341, Clement T. LaBonte; 2359, Guilford G. Field; 2360, John L. Hall; 2397, Vere L. Nash; 2398, William D. Nichols; 2427, Russell G. Dumouchel; 2465, Gerald C. Woods; 2489, James P. Slattery; 2495, Edgar S. Crosby; 2501, Royal D. Potter; 2884, Winfield A. Prentice; 11946, George E. Johnstone; V12227, Benedict J. Notte; 12565, Paul P. Blanchard.

CLASS I-C.

(In the armed services.)

Order No. 31, Richard P. Manning; 835, Thomas E. Beauregard; V-2982, John F. Zygo; 2999, Chester A. Martin; 10971, Carmi S. Reed; 12484, Samuel B. Babbitt, jr.; 12578, Richard P. Cota; V-12588, Henry A. Derby; 12491-A, William E. Bradder.

CLASS I-C (discharged.)

(Honorably discharged from armed forces.)

Order No. 10676, John I. Hunter; 10682, Harry L. Gutzwiller; 11031, John P. Squier; 11208, Wolly P. Montgomery.

CLASS II-A.

(Necessary in civilian activity.)

Order No. 247, Robert A. Barlow; 359-A, Stanley C. Dandoch; Raymond C. Ladabouche; W. Roun; 835, Richard W. Candlish; Claude C. 1751, Arthur J. Corey; E. Root; S2802, William 12497, Irving Adelm; N. Martin.

CLASS II-B.

(Necessary to war production.)

Order No. 10676, John I. Hunter; 10682, Harry L. Gutzwiller; 11031, John P. Squier; 11208, Wolly P. Montgomery.



Lt. Walter M. Moore, who was married here recently to the former Miss Anita Lefrancois, is a veteran of nearly a year of service with the Fifth Air force in the Southwest Pacific, where he was a pilot of a Liberator bomber and shared in 48 combat missions. He has been decorated with the Air medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. A graduate of St. Michael's college, Lt. Moore was a high school English teacher before entering service two years ago.

Dreams of strawberry shortcake, piled high with whipped cream. New England boiled dinner, cookies and fudge, lightened the ordeal of long days of slave labor in the copper mines of Japan for Coxswain Robert Vondette, now at his home on Grant avenue. He is the first Rutland serviceman to arrive in this city after release from a Nipponese prisoner of war camp.

Still tough and healthy despite his experiences, the 25-year-old Navy man, who enlisted at 17, believes that he is luckier than many friends interned with him.

He tells of such incidents he has known and seen in the last three and a half years as:

The heartache and tears of the desperate fighting Americans on Corregidor when they laid down their arms and watched the white flag of surrender go up before the onslaught of the Japanese who were stronger in arms and numbers, but not in courage. "It was a pretty hard thing for an American to take, we had never given up before," he said.

The looting of the personal effects of the Americans by Jap soldiers in search of souvenirs, after the American surrender, and the abuse and beatings administered by the captors to United States servicemen who protested or resisted.

Days within the big gray walls of "Bilibid," the old Spanish prison in Manila.

Hardships of 1000 Americans crowded "knee-to-back" into the small hold of a ship on the trip from the Philippines to Japan; lack of water and necessary facilities; the illness of some of his companions with dysentery on the journey.

Work in the hazardous copper mines where injuries were common; lack of fuel and warm clothing; tasteless meals; abuse by guards; forcing of sick prisoners to work; body lice in winter and fleas in summer; skin sores irritated by copper dust.

More pleasant reflections include the loyalty and love of the Filipinos for the Americans; grapevine news of American victories; Red Cross packages at Christmas; rare letters from home; signs of the collapse of Japan and even the guarded friendliness of some of the Jap civilians working in the copper mines.

Coxswain Vondette was hospitalized for a broken ankle, sustained when he fell off an officers' motor boat, and had returned to duty just before the fall of the Philippines. At the time of the American surrender the Rutland Navy man was "fighting for the Army with the Fourth Marines" in beach defense on the "Cheney Hill" section of Corregidor. The mixed combat group resisted strenuously for several hours and fiercely wanted to keep on, when the word was transmitted by the commanding general by telephone to the battery officers to cease fire. Vondette said he was manning a machine gun at the time.

It was around noon on May 6, 1942, when the Americans on the beachhead reluctantly laid down their arms and gathered together in the big motor pool as the white flag of surrender went up. "Lots of the fellows cried. They didn't want to see America give in, but the general told us it was all for the best," the coxswain said.

The captive Americans were strong in their conviction of Allied victory at all times, according to Vondette. "Many of us thought it would come even sooner than it did; but of one thing we were always certain—America would win, and decisively!" he stated.

American prisoners in the group in which Vondette was placed, were forced to load what food and supplies were left onto a Jap ship for use by enemy forces. They were then herded on a Jap transport and relieved of their money, wrist watches and other personal effects. Resistance met with beatings and clubbings. The captured Americans were shipped to Manila bay; unloaded in the water; obliged to wade ashore and then marched eight miles to Bilibid prison. (Here Vondette met Stanley Wisell, Rutland town Marine, a former classmate at Rutland High school, who later died of disease in a Jap prison

camp.) Next morning early, Vondette said, the Americans were sent off to different prison camps on the island of Luzon, but he stayed on for two weeks.

On June 13, the Rutland sailor, with 200 other men, was transferred to the Manila area to work as a longshoreman, unloading Jap guns, ammunition, tanks and food supplies. He was there for two years and a month. The Filipinos, at the risk of their lives, often smuggled food, newspapers and money to him. Here the Japanese guards were nearly all graduates of American universities and were a superior type of men to those encountered later in Japan.

Vondette said that he and other American prisoners working as stevedores, noted with smug satisfaction the inferior quality of Jap equipment, the pre-World War I guns, the old-horse-drawn caissons, and outmoded anti-aircraft guns.

Vondette, with other prisoners, left the Manila port area when the Americans began bombing Mindanao in July, 1944, and was sent to Northern Luzon where he worked on a farm, from the Cabantuan prison camp for a few weeks. Then he was sent back to Manila to board a ship for Japan.

On August 25, one thousand American prisoners were crowded into a small hold, so close together that they couldn't lie down. Vondette explained. They were under heavy guard and allowed on deck only three minutes daily. One canteen of water per man was provided each day, for drinking, bathing and cleaning of messkits. There was no smoking and rice and barley was served twice daily. Aside from the fact that there was no provision for other comforts or conveniences, and the illness of some of the men, the trip to Japan was "warm and peaceful," the released prisoner commented.

The ship docked at Moji on the northern tip of Kyushu, the main island of Japan, on September 6, 1944. From there the prisoners were ferried to Shimonoseki on the southern tip of Honshu. Here they boarded third-class coaches and travelled three days to the northern part of Honshu island, five miles north of Tokio. Arriving at their destination they were put to work in the copper mines.

At that point the prisoners were confronted with conditions never before encountered. The mine shafts were old, the timbers falling apart and accidents were frequent. The men worked by light of carbide lamps. Once there was a cave-in, with a prisoner killed and another badly injured, and falling rocks inflicted cuts and bruises at all times. At the end of a day, men working in the lower levels had to climb 500 steps before leaving the mine.

The American prisoners, housed in a cold shed, got up at 4 o'clock in the morning and climbed a steep mountain to work. They wore grass shoes and often trudged through snow five and six feet deep to help turn out copper for Jap bullets, planes and ships.

"The guards were plenty rough and were miserable in camp," Vondette said. "They liked to slap us around, made a habit of striking us at least once a day. For the most part, we just took it, knowing it wouldn't be for too long. Once in a while a fellow would swing back, but he would be so badly beaten and kicked that he couldn't walk. In spite of our weakened condition any one of us could have licked any two of them unarmed," he asserted.

Food during the winter months was rice and green soup, served three times a day. The soup was made of water in which greens from the mountainside were boiled, according to the man who had eat-

en it. At rare intervals cabbage was included in the meal. "To us it was like cake," Vondette declared.

There was no light in camp after 7 o'clock at night. For recreation the Americans talked of and dreamed up palatable dishes that their wives and mothers used to serve at home. Many drew up plans and sketches of homes they would build when they got home. Vondette said that the prisoners wore tropical clothes, but later were issued British army overcoats. Of 500 men, however, only eight died from malnutrition and pneumonia last winter. There was much snow from November 1 until the last of May and the coldest point to which the mercury sank was around zero, he added.

News of Allied successes, especially naval victories, reached the prisoners often from Japanese working with them. However, Jap propaganda played up American strikes; and represented that San Francisco was bombed; Honolulu was captured and many other untrue allegations.

During the winter months American prisoners were forced to work while they were ill, Vondette said. American doctors were thought by prison authorities to be too easy on the sick, so the Jap physicians took over and the American medical men were assigned to "clean-up" work. Sometimes a sick prisoner would faint on the walk to work, and then he would be taken back to camp and cared for, according to the Rutland sailor. He said that many men suffered from skin ulcers infected by copper dust.

News that a newly launched Jap carrier was blown up by the Allies in a Japanese harbor was brought by 50 British prisoners on their arrival at the camp. The approach of the fall of Japan was indicated by the mumblings of the Jap civilians working in the mines, the improvement in food rations and the changing of the guard. The old guard was removed on August 12, two days before the surrender, and a new and kinder group of Japanese were placed in charge. It was a Jap holiday, the prisoners were told, and for that reason they weren't sent off to work. "We sensed what was going on and started to the world and that the Japanese cer told us not to show too much spirit just yet," Vondette said. "Then, on August 21, a Jap officer made an announcement that the war was over, that peace had come to the world and that the Japanese had accepted surrender terms, although, according to him, the terms were unfair. Vondette said that dates were carefully noted and that many of the prisoners had made up their own calendars."

Civilians in Japan were relieved and happy, and many commented that war was "no good," when peace finally came, Vondette said. After the surrender was announced the Jap guards turned their rifles over to the Americans who maintained their own guard.

Vondette continued his story: "We waited around camp until we got word from the American forces to come to Port Chigasma. We boarded a train on September 13 at our camp and arrived at the port the next day. We were taken aboard the hospital ship "Rescue" and deloused. Then we went on the USS Gerard to Tokio. When we first saw the American Navy we cried and cheered and laughed because we felt so good. From Tokio we were flown to Guam. There I met Jimmy McCullough of Baxter street, a submarine tender. He was the first person from home I saw. We had a wonderful reunion, talking over old times and old friends. We stayed in Guam eight days, were given a thorough physical examination and were fed the best chow the Navy had.

"From Guam we were flown aboard a C-54 to Honolulu, where

we stayed 24 hours, and then continued on by air to Oakland, Cal., where I was sent to a Naval hospital. I drew a new uniform and was given another physical. Seven days later I was flown to New York and reported at the Brooklyn Naval hospital." During the time which elapsed from his release from the prisoner of war camp and his arrival home, Coxswain Vondette gained 50 pounds.

In New York the young Navy man was met by his mother, Mrs. Edith Vondette of Grant avenue. "She looked younger and prettier than I had ever seen her," he declared. His father, Allen Vondette, and his sister, Mrs. Florence Freedom, had died since he was last home on Christmas, 1937. Two of his brothers, Capt. Allen Vondette, jr., and Yeoman 1/c Raymond Vondette, have served in the Pacific.

The first Rutland person he saw as he stepped off the train in Rutland was Merald Cook, station master. Vondette told the railroad man that he had chatted with the latter's son, Merald, in the Philippines just before the Pearl Harbor attack. He learned that Merald had since died in a Jap prison camp.

Russian Goal Is Vienna

Austrian Capital Only 77
Miles to Southeast as Big
Offensive Sweeps Across
Western Hungary.

Two Armies

Marshal Malinovsky's 2d
Ukraine Army Joins Mar-
shal Tolbukhin's Army
in Drive Toward Vienna

BY ROMNEY WHEELER.

LONDON, Monday, March 26 (AP)—Red army tank spearheads raced within 36 miles of Austria and 77 miles southeast of Vienna yesterday as a second mighty Soviet army joined Russia's Vienna-Bound offensive that was sweeping unchecked across industrial western Hungary on a 90-mile front.

While Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukraine army gained up to 16 miles overnight, Premier Stalin announced that the Second Ukraine army under Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky had joined the battle and gained 28 miles in the initial phases of an offensive along the south bank of the Danube.

The two powerful armies were within six miles southeast of Komarom, Danube river key to Vienna and Bratislava, had outflanked the great rail city of Győr and were battering through Nazi defenses only four miles from the key communications center of Pápa, Moscow disclosed.

Malinovsky's new offensive erupted as the vast eastern front appeared to be blazing into a full-scale spring offensive synchronizing with Anglo-American drives from the west. Berlin spoke of a new Soviet drive in southwestern Poland aimed at the Moravian gap leading into Czechoslovakia and on to

M/Sgt. Roy G. Woods Is Central Figure In New 'Shower' Variety

Something new in "showers" was inaugurated in Rutland recently, when M/Sgt. Roy G. Woods, an Army Air force instructor stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., was guest of honor at a "stork shower" at the home of Mrs. John Gouette of West street.



M/SGT. ROY G. WOODS.

Sgt. Woods' wife, Mrs. Velma Woods, was unable to attend the affair, so the father-to-be was drafted to take her place and was presented with many gifts, which were distributed to him from a basket decorated with pink and blue trimmings and adorned by an artificial stork. Refreshments were served to 50 guests.

M/Sgt. Woods served with the 8th Air force in England for 18 months. He received the Presidential citation and the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in a raid over Rumania.

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Associated Press War Correspondent Robert C. Wilson, 29, is pictured after he escaped to safety when he bailed out and landed in the midst of a battle six miles behind the German lines after the plane in which he was an observer was shot down March 24. Wilson, a native of BENNINGTON, VT., made his way to Paris where he filed a report of the adventure. He is a former Rutland Herald reporter and desk man.

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Lt. Weaver Earns Medal

Purple Heart Award Follows
That of Bronze Star; Was
Wounded October 11.

Lt. Paul Weaver, of the Medical Administrative corps, United States Army, serving in France has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on October 11, according to information received by his wife, Mrs. Goldie Gilson Weaver of Williams street.



LT. PAUL WEAVER.

Lt. Weaver also holds the bronze star for "distinctive heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on August 24, 1944." No details have been received here of the action in which the bronze star award was merited.

According to information received by Mrs. Weaver, her husband received a shrapnel wound in the side as he advanced under fire to assist three men in his outfit who had been wounded by the explosion of a shell. It is believed that the wounds were received during the captur of Fort Driant.

Lt. Weaver has a five-month-old daughter, Ann Linda, whom he has not yet seen. Before entering the service he was employed by Armour & company at Springfield, Mass.

2d Oak Leaf Cluster For Lt. Walbridge

(Special to The Herald.)

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England (By Mail)—Second Lt. Maurice E. Walbridge, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Walbridge, of 68 Litchfield avenue, RUTLAND, VT., and husband of Mrs. Louise B. Walbridge of Detroit, Mich., has been decorated with a second Oak Leaf cluster to his Air medal, it was recently announced by the commanding general, Eighth Air force.



LT. M. E. WALBRIDGE, JR.

Lt. Walbridge is the bombardier of a B-17 Flying Fortress, and is a veteran of many of the Eighth Air force's huge daylight precision bombing assaults against the Nazi war machine.

"He has participated in missions over Hamburg, Frankfurt and Cologne," the citation stated, "as well as troop support missions against Metz and the area around Aachen, all of which were carried out with excellent results and greatly aided our ground forces. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Walbridge on all these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Prior to his entry into the Army Air forces, in 1943, Lt. Walbridge was employed as a technician supervisor by the U. S. Rubber company in Detroit.

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Lt. Walbridge Service Set

Memorial Program Planned at
Congregational Church Sun-
day at 3:30.

A memorial service for 1st Lt. Maurice E. Walbridge, jr., who was killed in the crash of a B-17 Fortress over England on February 6, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Congregational church.



LT. M. E. WALBRIDGE, JR.

Possessor of the Air medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, the Presidential Unit citation, and the European Theater of Operations ribbon with two bronze stars, Lt. Walbridge, was a veteran of many of the Eighth Air force precision daylight raids on the Nazis.

Lt. Walbridge was a graduate of Rutland High school and of the University of Michigan. He was technician supervisor for the U. S. Rubber company in Detroit at the time of his enlistment. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Walbridge of Litchfield avenue, he is survived by a wife and son in Detroit and one sister, Mrs. Jack LaBrie of Seattle, Wash.

Tribute Paid Lt. Walbridge

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Memorial Service for Flyer
Killed in Crash Held in Con-
gregational Church.

Tribute to the memory of First Lt. Maurice E. Walbridge, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Walbridge of 68 Litchfield avenue, who was killed on February 6 in the crash of a B-17 bomber in England, was paid by more than 100 persons of various religious faiths during memorial services held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Standing beside an American flag on a flower-bedecked pulpit, the Rev. J. Graydon Brown, church pastor, offered prayer and briefly eulogized the air force officer as a young man who "gave his all to do his part in curing the ills of a world made sick by greed."

The Rev. Brown read excerpts from a letter written by Lt. Walbridge to his wife, whose home is in Detroit, Mich., to be delivered only "if he met the rendezvous with death." "You must carry on just the same," the young lieutenant wrote, in part. "I hope you can continue to think of me as still far away and not as dead." There also was a message to the couple's son, Paul, 3d. It urged the boy to learn to be obedient and tolerant of the opinions of others. "I wish I could be there to help you in solving the problems that you will face," the child's father wrote.

A scroll sent to Mrs. Walbridge, jr., from Washington also was referred to by the speaker. It was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "himself a war casualty."

The church quartet and vested choir sang during the services which concluded with the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" by the congregation.

As the service opened, Capt. Robert T. Chalmers, Air corps, at his home in this city during a 21-day leave, carried a large flag, at half mast, into the church and it was placed on the pulpit.

A delegation of members of Rutland post, American Legion, attended the services in uniform, M. E. Walbridge, sr., being a veteran of World War I.

Lt. Walbridge, a graduate of Rutland High school and of the University of Michigan, wore the Air medal, with two Oak Leaf clusters, and possessed a presidential unit citation and European Theater of Operations ribbon with two bronze stars.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Walbridge, sr., have another son in service, Radioman 3/c Richard Walbridge being on duty in the Pacific.

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Lt. Lee Wilson Free Again

A War department telegram received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Wilson of 18 East Cenetr street informed them that their son, First Lt. C. Lee Wilson, Flying Fortress pilot with the Army Air corps, who has been a prisoner of war of Germany since May, 1944, has been released and has been "returned to military control."

Lt. Wilson, after his capture by the Nazis, was interned at Sagan, Germany.

May 5, 1944



Second Lieut. Maurice E. Walbridge, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Walbridge of 68 Litchfield avenue, is now stationed at Rapids City, S. D. He recently was commissioned as a bombardier in the Army Air force, upon his graduation from the advanced bomber school at Victorville, Cal. He has a brother in service, Seaman Second Class Richard Walbridge, who is now attending the naval radio school at Hollidaysburg, Pa.

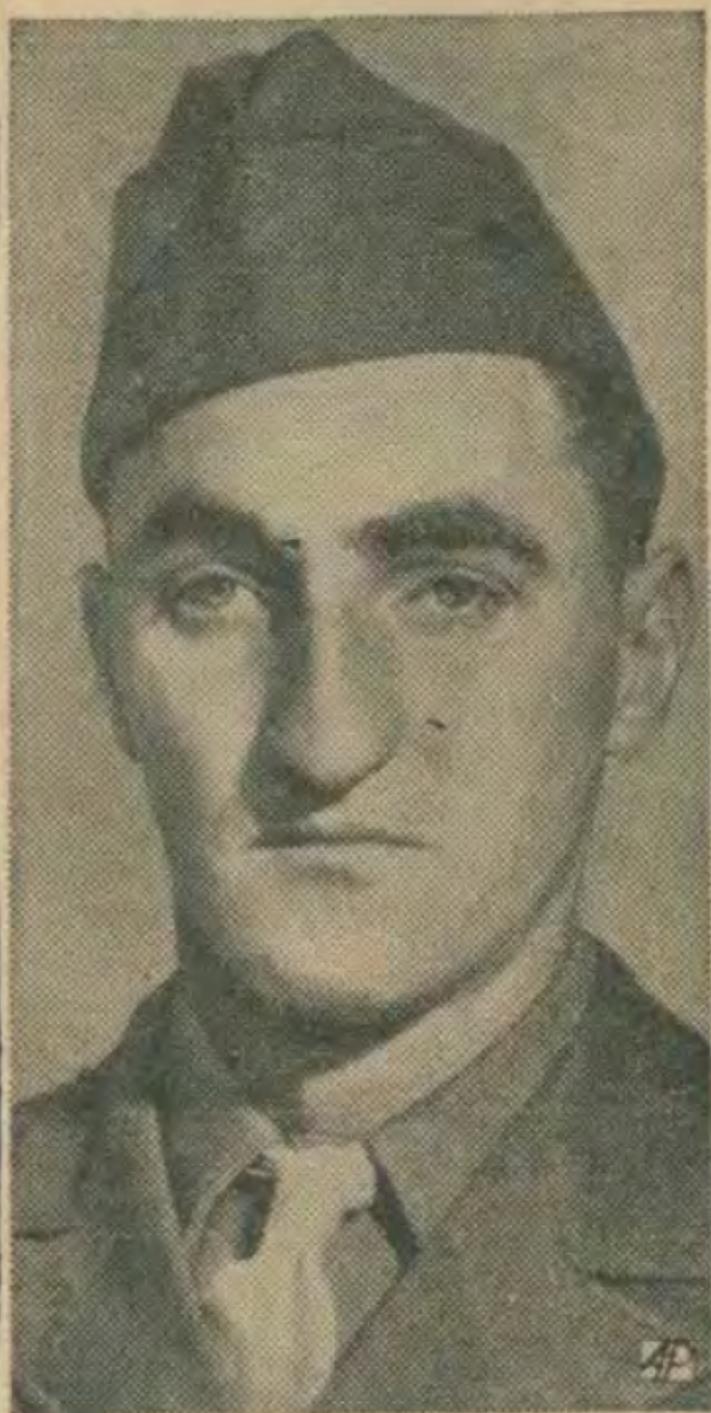
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Coast Guard Lt. (jg) Neale O. Westfall, of 262 North Main street, RUTLAND, VT., shown serving aboard a Coast Guard manned LST in the Pacific, is a veteran of the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions, as well as the recent assault upon Iheya Shima, small Rynkyus island off the coast of Okinawa. He served in the Caribbean sea area for five months prior to his present duty.

FEBRUARY 9, 1945.



Pvt. Henry P. Weber, 27, former Vancouver, Wash., shipyard foreman, was sentenced by court martial to hang for refusing to drill at Camp Roberts, Cal. Later the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment after review. (AP Wirephoto.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1945.



S1/c Clyde C. Wilson of the SeaBees underwent an operation on his right leg January 25 in a New Guinea hospital after an accident December 31 when he was pinned between the box and the cab of a truck on which he was working, according to a letter received by his sister-in-law, Miss Wilma Jones of Curtis avenue. Seaman Wilson is the son of Mrs. Cora B. Wilson of Pittsford and his wife, Mrs. Catherine P. Wilson, is residing with her mother on Curtis avenue. Receiving his "boot" training at Camp Peary, Va., he was later transferred to Camp Rousseau, Cal., leaving for overseas April 26, 1944.

Lt. Lee Wilson, Fortress Pilot, Awarded DFC

Rutland High school and is a graduate of Clark Preparatory school, New Hampshire.

First Lieut. C. Lee Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Wilson of 18 East Center street, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying cross for extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of a Flying Fortress on a bombing mission over Germany on April 13, 1944.



LT. C. LEE WILSON.

The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"After the bombing run, Lieut. Wilson's plane was subjected to many intense and fierce attacks by enemy fighters. During these attacks the pilot's oxygen apparatus was shot out, air speed indicator shot out, number 2 engine was hit, making it inoperative, and the fuel transfer system was hit, causing gas fumes throughout the ship. The number 2 engine was feathered and one oxygen outlet was used by Lieut. Wilson and the co-pilot.

"Despite these difficulties Lieut. Wilson returned his ship to its home base. The courage, untiring devotion to duty and superb airmanship displayed by Lieut. Wilson on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Lieut. Wilson is also the recipient of the Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters for his participation in 20 separate combat missions over Continental Europe.

The lieutenant received his commission at Turner Field, Ga., in May, 1943, after his completion of advanced pilot training. His promotion to first lieutenant was recently announced by headquarters, Eighth Air force, somewhere in England.

Prior to entering the Air corps he was associated with his father's store on Center street. He attended

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Walbridge's Son Killed

Lt. Maurice E., Jr., Dies in
Crash of Flying Fortress in
England.

Lt. Maurice E. Walbridge, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Walbridge of 68 Litchfield avenue, died in the crash of a B-17 Flying Fortress in England on February 6, following a raid over German territory, his parents have learned.



LT. MAURICE WALBRIDGE, JR.

Lt. Walbridge, who was 26 years old, was lead bombardier in his squadron. His family, scanning news reports of the day on which their older son met his death, believes that the crew was returning from a flight over Magdeburg and Leipzig, Germany, when their Fortress crashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walbridge received word of the tragedy from Lt. Walbridge's wife, Louise, who lives in Detroit, Mich., with their three-year-old son.

Lt. Walbridge had recently been decorated with a second Oak Leaf cluster to his Air medal. He was a veteran of many of the Eighth Air force's great daylight precision bombarding assaults against the Nazis. His citation, awarded at the time, revealed that he had participated in missions over Hamburg, Frankfurt and Cologne, as well as troop support missions against Metz and the area around Aachen, all of which greatly aided the ground forces.

"The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Walbridge on all of these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States," the citation read.

Lt. Walbridge is a graduate of Rutland High school and of the University of Michigan, and prior to entering the Army Air forces in 1943 was technician supervisor for the U. S. Rubber company in Detroit.

Besides his wife and son, and his parents, Lt. Walbridge leaves one sister, Mrs. Jack LaBrie, who lives in Seattle, Wash., where her husband, T/Sgt. LaBrie is stationed, and a brother, Radioman 3/c Richard Walbridge, who is serving on a sub-chaser in the Pacific area.

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Gloomy News

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3 (AP).—Japanese officials today warned civilians to fortify themselves against air raids while acknowledging new carrier attacks on Kyushu and virtual loss of Okinawa in a series of gloomy Tokio broadcasts.

Two officials of the home ministry, after inspecting damage inflicted on Yokohama by B-29s in a 450-plane raid May 29, urged evacuation from that city of all but "acutely essential" persons needed to make it a fortress city. They also warned smaller cities that they should fortify thoroughly against air raids.

In another official broadcast for Japanese home consumption, recorded by the Federal Communications commission, Japanese communications authorities, without explanation, warned that "enemy spy activities are becoming more and more intense as the war grows in violence." They repeated cautions against reporting troop movements or "complaints and dissatisfaction in the national economic situation and distribution of commodities" in domestic correspondence.

Court Metes Out Death To Young Nazi

17-Year-Old Kept Up His
Own Private War Two
Weeks After Surrender.

First Case of Its Kind

BY KENNETH L. DIXON.

BAD HARZBURG, Germany (AP).—Siegfried Benz, 17-year-old Nazi storm trooper who tried to carry on the war two weeks after Germany's surrender, has been sentenced to death by an American court martial in one of the first convictions of its type.

His final attempt to kill Yanks failed, but he was convicted of "continuing the armed attack on allied defense in defiance of the terms" of Germany's surrender.

He was captured in the Harz mountains sector after having "fired on and thrown hand grenades at three members of the U. S. 280th Field Artillery.

German civilians throughout the U. S. 83d division's occupation zone immediately began to speculate as to what would happen to Siegfried. After all he had killed no one—at least this last time. And did not everyone say Americans were soft?

They got their answer after a four-hour trial marked by no sign of softness except a determination to give Benz a fair trial.

Now there is considerable thoughtful discussion because the story of the trial spread over the grapevine almost as fast as did word of Siegfried's doom.

The devout follower of Hitler sat pokerfaced while Lt. Royden B. Bowen, Cub plane observer from Houston, Tex., and Cpl. William B. Hunter of Fresno, Cal., gave the testimony which condemned him. It was those two and Cpl. Robert Engebretson of Bear Lake, Minn., who captured Benz and killed his comrade.

They told how they had been informed of the SS hiding place by

The Ultimate Desk Stacker

Robert Wilson Relates Story Of Ambulances and Footballs

BY ROBERT C. WILSON.

(Former Herald Newsmen now serving as an Associated Press correspondent.)

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, March 14 (AP).—This is a story of ambulances and footballs.

It involves the American field service and took place in Alsace, Paris and London. C. B. Alexander of Baltimore, Md., needed 10 ambulances for his volunteer drivers attached to the First French army.

Alexander and Mark Ethridge, jr., of Louisville, Ky., went to see Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny about getting those ambulances. The general had a shortage too—of footballs.

He needed 100 pigskins for his officer candidate school.

"And so it's a deal," said the general. "I'll give you one new ambulance for every 10 footballs you give me."

It sounded like an easy deal and Melvin Braunstein, son of a Pittsburgh, Pa., sporting goods dealer,

was assigned the task of getting the footballs.

Armed with letters from the general requesting the footballs, Braunstein flew to Paris. First he went to Supreme Allied headquarters. Then to French special services headquarters. Then to American supply officials and finally to the French commissariat of sports.

"Sorry, no footballs are kicking around here," was the story he got at each place.

Braunstein recalled that before the war a sporting goods firm in London had exported footballs to his father's firm.

So he hitch-hiked across the channel in an RAF plane, only to find the company tied up with Army orders. But finally the American special services in London said they could take care of him.

The other day Braunstein returned to Tassigny's headquarters with 108 footballs, 24 pairs of football shoes and 12 football pumps.

The 10 ambulances will be turning up any day now.

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Herald Photo—Merusi.

Snapped by the photographer a few moments after he stepped off the train at the Rutland station Saturday night, T/Sgt. William N. White, Japanese prisoner since Bataan's fall, is shown in an affectionate embrace with his mother, Mrs. William J. White of Church street, and one of his sisters, Claire. (Story same page.)

T-Sgt. White, Ex-Prisoner Of Japs, Home

T/Sgt. William N. White, 27, a prisoner of the war of the Japanese from the fall of Bataan until V-J day, stepped off the train at the Rutland railroad station Saturday night, to be re-united with his family here for the first time since July 22, 1941.

On hand to give him an affectionate welcome were his mother, Mrs. William J. White of Church street, his grandmother, Mrs. N. D. Walker of Chittenden and his two sisters, Misses Wyona and Claire White. He had visited his father, William J. White, who is employed at a submarine station at San Diego, Cal., shortly after his arrival at a west coast port. While in San Francisco he visited a close friend, who was also released recently as a prisoner of war, Andrews Ferguson of this city. The two had not met since shortly after the surrender of Bataan.

Sgt. "Billy" White enlisted in the service on January 8, 1941. After he became a prisoner of the Japs after the desperate battle of Bataan, he was held at Clark Field, Manila and the Cabanatuan prison. On July 1, 1944 he was shipped on a captured Canadian freighter to Japan, the voyage lasting 62 days. He landed at Shikoku, and was put to work at slave labor as a rock driller in the coal mines of that area. After the

collapse of the Japanese war, he was sent from Yakahaocama to Okinawa on a Navy hospital ship. From there he was flown to the Philippines and travelled by boat to San Francisco. a

Air Medal for Rutland Pilot Who Towed Gliders on Invasion Day

When the Allied forces of liberation invaded France on D-day, First Lt. William B. Wallett, jr., of 73 Meadow street, was among the first to go in as pilot of a cargo-hauling, glider-towing C-47 plane, which released the first gliders over French soil. The announcement was made by the headquarters of the Ninth Air force of the Allied expeditionary Air force, in a news release dated July 16, and received here yesterday.

In recognition of his outstanding flying and courage, Lt. Wallett has been awarded the Air medal, the dispatch said. The young flying officer is the son of William B. Wallett, Rutland railroad brakeman.

Commenting on some of the incidents he had witnessed in the operation, according to the Army release, Lt. Wallett said:

"As we approached the coast of France, we ran into light flak, but as we went farther in towards our glider landing zone, the flak became much heavier. Coming in low to release our glider, we were hit by flak and anti-aircraft fire. No serious damage was done but we found 19 holes in the ship. Our glider landed in the correct zone and we headed back to England encountering little difficulty and reached our home base safely. We were more than glad to be back but are itching to go over again."

Planes and gliders from Lt. Wallett's unit flew with other Ninth Troop Carrier command craft in the 900-plane formation which dropped the first Allied troops on the Cher-



LT. WILLIAM B. WALLETT, JR.

bourg peninsula, the announcement said.

Lt. Wallett, a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's academy, received his pilot's wings and commission at Lubbock Army Flying school, Lubbock, Tex. He received his transitional training at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Tex., before joining his present unit. He flew a large Army transport plane home on short leave a year ago, landing at the Rutland Municipal airport. He was home on leave last winter, and has been overseas for several months.

Pvt. 'Billy' White Coming Home After Years in Jap Prison Camp

Pvt. William N. ("Billy") White, 27, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines, has been liberated and will be returned to the United States within the near future, his mother, Mrs. William J. White of 240 Church street, was informed yesterday in a telegram from the War department.

"I am so thankful to think that he is alive and liberated, and it will be the most wonderful day of my life when we are together again," she said upon receiving the news. Pvt. White's father, William J. White, a veteran of World War I, has been working at a submarine base in San Diego, Cal., for the past three years, but is expected to return to Rutland soon, also.

Pvt. White enlisted in the Army Air corps on June 8, 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor. He left this country on November 2, 1941, and landed at Manila on November 22. After the fall of the Philippines, he was not heard from until August 16, 1942, when his parents were informed that he was "missing." Almost a year later, they were told by the International Red Cross that he was a prisoner of war.

Pvt. White is believed to have been interned at Camp Sukuoka on



PVT. WILLIAM N. WHITE.

the island of Honshu. During the four years that he was imprisoned, his family received only a few cards from him, the last one being dated October 11, 1944.

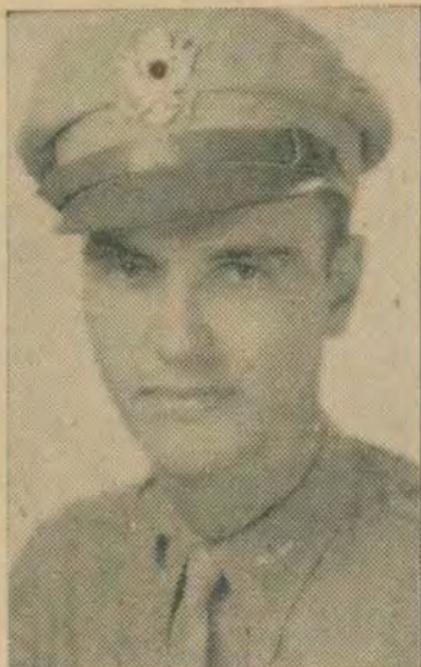
Lt. C. Lee Wilson Now Reported Missing in Action Over Germany

First Lieut. C. Lee Wilson, United States Army Air force pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Wilson of 18 East Center street, has been missing in action since May 30, his parents have learned. A telegram received by them from Adjt. Gen. J. A. Ulio stated that he had been unaccounted for since he participated in a mission over Germany.

The young Rutland officer has been decorated five times for bravery and efficiency. Only a few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson learned that he had been awarded the Distinguished Service cross for extraordinary achievement while serving as a pilot of a Flying Fortress on a mission over Germany on April 13, 1944.

Lieut. Wilson also was awarded the Air medal and three Oak Leaf clusters for participation in 20 combat missions over continental Europe.

He was commissioned at Turner field, Ga., in May, 1943, after completing his advanced pilot training. Headquarters, Eighth Army Air force, recently announced his promotion to first lieutenant. A graduate of Rutland High school and



LIEUT. C. LEE WILSON.

Clark preparatory school, Hanover, N. H., Lieut. Wilson was associated with his father in the clothing business here before entering Army service.

Ex-Herald Man, Now With AP, Has Close Call When Plane Crashes Beyond Rhine

Robert C. Wilson Forced to Parachute at 600 Feet From Burning Troop Carrier Plane Six or Seven Miles East of River During Allies' Mighty Cross-Rhine Offensive, Lands in German-Held Territory.

Almost Shot by British Soldier

(Robert C. Wilson, 29-year-old Associated Press correspondent covering the Allied airborne operation across the Rhine, was aboard a plane which was shot down Saturday.

(Parachuting to earth from 600 feet, he fell inside German-held territory and found himself in the thick of the ground fighting. Eventually he made his way out and, still wearing his dress uniform arrived in Paris last night and wrote the following account of his adventure.

(A native of Bennington, Vt., Wilson joined the Associated Press in Albany in 1941. After newspaper work in Montpelier and RUTLAND, VT., and Springfield and Holyoke, Mass., he went to London in May, 1944, and thence to Paris.)

BY ROBERT C. WILSON.

PARIS, March 25 (AP).—During the Allies' mighty cross-Rhine offensive I was forced to parachute at 600 feet from a burning troop carrier plane six or seven miles east of the river. Once I got on the ground, British troops in their huge gliders came banging down almost on top of my head.

The 29 parachute troops in the huge C-46 troop carrier had jumped just before the plane was hit yesterday. I made the ground with five of the crew members who were aboard when the enemy flak struck.

On the ground I spent a brutal 24 hours. Some British troops and I were attacked by German tanks and self-propelled guns which set afire a house in which we took refuge. Then, after running a gantlet of Nazi machinegun fire, we wandered three or four hours in the darkness, seeking friendly troops.

Our odyssey started at 9 a. m., Saturday, March 24, when the long line of C-46's, used for the first time in carrying parachutists, took off on the 200-mile trip to the drop zone across the Rhine.

Three minutes after we crossed the smoke-obscured Rhine the parachute troops hurled themselves out of the plane. We were at 600 feet then, doing 110 miles per hour, and were a good target for the scores of flak guns the Germans were firing at us.

Suddenly the plane shuddered. A wing spurted flame. We had been hit. The plane shuddered again from another hit. Flames seared my eyebrows I ran toward the tail of the plane and yanked frantically at the string which was supposed to release my chain mail flak vest.

It didn't work. One of the crewmen, whom I didn't recognize in the excitement, gave a tug and the vest, weighing 36 pounds, fell off. We both jumped into space. It all happened in a few seconds. I hit the ground with a terrible jar. I was in the middle of a field all alone. There was a farmhouse 100 yards away.

The parachute troops had jumped at 10:16 a. m. Nineteen minutes later I had taken off my parachute and was crawling in a plowed field when swarms of British gliders swooped in. One struck power wires, burst into flames and crashed sickeningly. Another headed straight for me, skimmed inches overhead,

Wife Thought Wilson in Paris

Mrs. Robert C. Wilson, news reporter for The Herald, stood beside an AP teletype machine last night in The Herald news room and watched the keys tap out the dramatic story of her husband's narrow escape from death across the Rhine.

"Just imagine," she said, "and I thought he was safe in Paris."

The New York cable desk of the Associated Press telephoned Mrs. Wilson a short time before transmission of the story began, stating that her husband, former Rutland Herald reporter and copy desk man, was safe after jumping from a damaged plane.

The New York office told her that Kenneth Dixon, noted AP correspondent, had telephoned from Paris that Wilson was safe and that his own story was on the way.

and nosed into the earth 20 feet away.

I thought everyone was killed in it, but within five minutes a half-dozen Tommies spilled out and

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Pfc. Nelson W. Young Removes Booby Trap, Earns Commendation

A Rutland soldier, Pfc. Nelson W. Young of 16 North Main street, has been commended by Lt. Col. L. K. Yarnall, in Luxembourg, for bravery and alertness in removing a booby trap on a railroad used for the movement of U. S. supplies to the front in Germany.

A copy of the commendation issued from headquarters of an anti-aircraft artillery automatic weapons battalion, received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson P. Young of the Gleason road, states:

"About 1600 on February 23, 1945, you removed a booby trap from the railroad tracks. This device consisted of a wire attached to the straightened pins of two U. S. fragmentation hand grenades, rigged to the track at the end of the tunnel.

"By your alertness and initiative the booby trap was neutralized, preventing possible serious damage and a hindrance to supplies moving to the front. I wish to commend you for your devotion to duty which exemplifies the highest traditions of this organization."

Pfc. Young's wife, the former Barbara Bachand, lives at 16 North Main street. Before entering the service he was engaged in carpentry work here with his father. He served with the coast artillery in Trinidad for more than two years before being assigned to duty in Europe.

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